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DIARY OF LOCAL EVENTS.

To-day.

(April 7.)

Easter Tuesday.
Services at St. John's Cathedral: 7.45 a.m.—Holy Communion, Rotary Tiffin.
King of Belgium born.
Hong Kong Cricket Club, Tennis Tournament:—Open Doubles: H. D. and S. A. Rumjahn v. E. C. and E. F. Fincher, Paul Kong and W. T. Lee v. H. L. and Iu Tak Cheuk; Club, Championship—Semi-final: R. H. Wild v. A. L. Sullivan; Handicap Singles "A": H. J. Armstrong v. N. L. Railton, J. H. Anderson v. A. C. I. Bowker; Handicap Singles "B": R. H. D. Wade v. G. S. Rodgers, D. S. Green v. A. H. Hampton; Handicap Doubles: A. H. Penn and R. J. Collis v. T. J. and E. R. Price, G. Miskin and C. Blaker v. A. B. Raworth and M. H. Turner.
Sale of Crown Land, 3 p.m.
Helena May Institute, Pianoforte Recital, 5.30 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "Say It with Songs."
World Theatre: "Raffles."
Star Theatre: "What A Widow."
Central Theatre: "Flight."
King's Theatre: "Spoilers."
Majestic Theatre: "Thunderbolt."
Dances: Tea Dance, H.K. Hotel; Dinner Dances, Peninsula and Repulse Bay Hotels, and Hotel Cecil.

Wednesday.

(April 8.)

Oxford Trinity Term Begins.
Philharmonic Society, Annual General Meeting, 5.30 p.m.
Victoria Recreation Club, Annual General Meeting, 8 p.m.
Reception at the Netherlands Indische Handelsbank, 12.15 p.m.
Hong Kong Cricket Club, Tennis Tournament—Open Singles: C. A. L. Rumjahn v. H. N. Chau or G. Goldman; Handicap Singles "B": Womack v. Clarabutt, Morhans v. Low; Handicap Doubles: Wade and Rigg v. Petrie and Lewis, Buttress and Woodman v. Humphreys and Wild, Rodgers and Rodgers v. Henderson and Bishop, Stock and Humphreys v. Nash and Hill, Owen Hughes and More v. Low and Dowley.
St. Andrew's Young Men's Club, Dramatic Evening, St. Andrew's Church Hall, 9 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "Say It with Songs."
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Thursday.

(April 9.)

Annual Inspection, H.K.V.D.C. by G.O.C., Murray Parade ground, 6 p.m.

TRADER HORN ON THE FILMS.

AFRICAN JUNGLE, WITH LIONS—AND SEX APPEAL!

A "BEAUTIFUL WHITE GODDESS."

Hollywood's own particular idol, the Great God Box Office, has triumphed in "Trader Horn," the sound film of African life which was produced at the Empire, writes Percy Cudlip in the *Evening Standard*.

He bent the witch doctors to his will.

Painted savages danced and shrieked at his command.

He dispatched his medicine men—his mechanics, his photographers and his sound recordists—to make their white magic in the secret places of the jungle. Out of the terror and mystery of Africa he created a sure-fire "talkie" epic complete to the last ingredient, including Sex Appeal.

Mighty art thou, O Box Office, for thou hast thrown new light on the Dark Continent.

All the Wild Beasts.

"Trader Horn" is in many respects a thriller of the first magnitude.

It contains astonishing pictures of wild animal life.

You will see close-ups of crocodiles, and of hippopotami basking in the shallows. Hungry lions will leap upon their prey before your eyes. You will watch antelopes bounding away to safety, a leopard on the prowl, charging elephants, zebras, giraffes.

You will see, too, a record of human wild life which is just as vivid and convincing—provided you can shut your mind's eye to the fact that somewhere close by stood the cameras and the sound-truck, operated by men who did their jobs as coolly as if they were working in the homely atmosphere of the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer studios in Hollywood, Cal.

Pigmy and Negroes.

I was impressed by the ceremonial dances of black tribesmen. I was startled by their war cries. I was greatly interested to be given a glimpse of the pigmy race. Had the film shown no scenes beyond those already mentioned I should have departed well satisfied.

But the Great God Box-Office was not fully appeased.

Therefore his faithful servants the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Company paid careful attention to the plot of "Trader Horn," which was adapted—whether freely or faithfully I cannot say—from the book wherein the adventures of Mr. Aloysius Horn are recounted.

To this end they called upon a blonde and beautiful person named Miss Edwina Booth to play the part of a "white goddess" living in the jungle. They appointed Mr. Duncan Renaldo to the post of Handsome Hero. And Mr. Harry Carey was given the rôle of Trader Horn.

So, if you do not find the wild men and the wild animals sufficiently absorbing, you can concentrate on the story of how Trader Horn and his young friend Peru met a woman missionary who told them she had lost her baby daughter 20 years previously in a native raid, and how, after facing divers perils, they found the daughter being worshipped by a savage tribe, and how she saved them from death at the tribesmen's hands, and how she was taken back to civilisation and kissed by the Handsome Hero.

Not for a moment would I suggest that Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer did wrong in playing up this side of their picture. Indeed, two women who sat near me at the private showing of "Trader Horn" followed the story with enthusiastic interest, continually exclaiming at the loveliness of Miss Edwina Booth, whereas they gave no audible indication of excitement when a rhinoceros charged full tilt at the camera.

I have not, as it happens, read Mr. Aloysius Horn's adventures. Perhaps he did find a beautiful white girl among the savages in the manner shown. Certainly Miss Booth justified her selection for the part. With her snowy limbs and her complexion totally unimpaired by the vigours of jungle life, she looked the whitest girl imaginable.

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THE SPOILERS.
—
TODAY AT THE KING'S.

A replica of the famous Six Above Mine, one of the richest claims in Anvil Creek during the days of the gold rush to Nome, Alaska, was built by the Paramount Company for its talking edition of *The Spoilers*, which is showing to-day at the King's Theatre. The mine took its name, as was customary, from the fact that it was the sixth above the original discovery claim. The first claim up the creek counting from the original discovery was known as "one above" the first below as "one below" and so on.

The story of *The Spoilers* is full of colour and incident, and there is, of course, a strong love interest running through it. "The Spoilers" are a group of unscrupulous persons who try to cheat those who have staked claims of what they should justly get. Fights of all sorts dramatically staged, thrilling chases, and tense moments when the death of the hero seems inevitable are linked together by love scenes, against an extraordinarily interesting background of life in a mining camp. We believe that "The Spoilers" will be a very popular picture and advise an early booking of seats.

**TRADER HORN ON
THE FILMS.**

(Continued from Page 1.)

All the same I, personally, would have enjoyed the film more without any sentimental garnishing. I would also have preferred not to hear the platitudinous and facetious utterances put into the mouth of the Trader. Platitudes such as "Everything in Nature means something, lad." Quips such as the reference to a young giraffe as "junior."

However, the fact remains that as a sound-picture of wild life "Trader Horn" is first class. Do not miss it.

A CHEVALIER FILM.

I should hardly have believed, until a few days ago, that any film in which Maurice Chevalier appeared could fail to be a complete success.

Yet "Playboy of Paris," at the Carlton, amused me but little. Chevalier was given very unpromising material. "Playboy of Paris" lacks the glamorous settings of "The Love Parade." Chevalier's part is not so "sympathetic" as the one he had in "Innocents of Paris."

And he has only one real song to sing, a poor one at that. What a pity it is that Maurice's European engagements prevented his playing in "Monte Carlo"! For that talkie contained some excellent musical numbers, and musical numbers are Maurice's strong point. On the other hand, Mr. Jack Buchanan, who took over the part in "Monte Carlo," dances better than he sings—and had no opportunity to prove it.

Lucky Walter.

Maurice, in "Playboy of Paris," is supposed to be a waiter. The proprietor of the café where he works learns that his employee has been left a fortune, and gets him to sign a 20-years contract at once. The idea is that when Maurice discovers his good luck he will pay highly for the contract to be cancelled. In order to secure his signature the proprietor tricks him into getting drunk. Maurice's attempt to register intoxication did not convince me for a moment.

To spite his employer he refuses to buy off the contract, and takes revenge by behaving very boisterously during working hours. After hours, however, he becomes the complete millionaire, mingling with people of fashion.

There is a love story, of course. As a millionaire Maurice "steps out" with a society beauty, but in the end he returns to his real sweetheart, the café proprietor's daughter. Miss Frances Dae was charming in the latter rôle.

"Playboy of Paris" contains a funny duel scene. On the whole, nevertheless, it disappointed me.

**BRITISH FLYING
NEWS.**
—
MORE ABOUT THE NEW AIR
LINERS.

LONDON, Mar. 3.

The monoplane air liners now being built in Great Britain for operation by Imperial Airways on the African trunk route attain new standards of efficiency. The secret of their construction was carefully guarded till a few days; though detailed design work was actually begun more than six months ago few people outside the firm immediately interested had heard of the enterprise.

Enough information is now released by the makers, the Sir W. G. Armstrong Whitworth Aircraft Company, to indicate that these new liners will be capable of a maximum velocity of 145 miles an hour and cruising easily at 115 miles an hour with the four motors developing only three-fifths of full power. Further, the design incorporates novel features sufficient to show that the British aircraft designer possesses imagination equal to any of his foreign competitors.

BEAUTY AND EFFICIENCY.

The new craft, graceful and racy in outline, is a high-wing monoplane, lifted, that is, by a single pair of wings located above the fuselage. From tip to tip these wings spread ninety feet. They constitute a cantilever structure, without exterior bracing wires or struts to cause air "interference" and thus to diminish efficiency by increasing resistance to movement through the air.

In the leading or front edges of the wings are placed four powerful radial air-cooled engines, two on either side of the fuselage—a most unusual engine arrangement. These motors are carried in stream-lined nacelles, or "power-eggs," which are designed to merge as smoothly as possible into the shape of the wings. Drawings of the machine show that the engines are cowed with Townsend rings, a British device which markedly cuts down the resistance of the star-shaped radial motor. The landing wheels are depicted encased in streamline fairings; throughout the machine every effort is made to avoid unnecessary excrescences likely to diminish aerodynamical efficiency.

The spacious cabin, measuring 17½ feet in length and with more than six feet of head-room, provides accommodation for seventeen passengers and their luggage. There is a steward's pantry and buffet, a large freight compartment forward and wireless compartment. The main cabin, being well aft of the zone of rotation of the engines and airscrews, is comparatively quiet, and the noise is still further lessened by taking the engine exhausts over the top of the main plane. Freedom from vibration, as compared with the normal three-engined air liner, is secured by the absence of an engine in the nose.

SAFETY.

Safety typical of British aircraft construction is implicit in many details. With full load the aeroplane is designed to continue level flight at any height below 7,000 feet with any one motor stopped and to be able to maintain in those conditions a true air speed of no less than 80 miles an hour. The wheel brakes are strong enough to enable a pilot to bring the machine to a standstill on an aerodrome in less than two hundred yards, even on a calm day. The cabin windows are so designed that at need they become emergency exits; a single sharp blow is sufficient to knock them out.

The design was governed by the idea of carrying a given pay load

at the highest possible cruising speed on the smallest possible consumption of fuel, and with the engines running at relatively low speed of revolution, thus ensuring economical operation and long life and low maintenance charges for the engines. Fully loaded the aeroplane weighs nearly eight tons, of which approximately two tons is pay load.

Each of the four Armstrong Siddeley "Double Monsoons" motors has ten cylinders and develops 340 horsepower. The framework of the fuselage and wings is steel strip, the wings being covered with three-ply wood.

**"KESTREL" AND
"BUZZARD."**

A new system of naming has been decided upon for two well-known British aero engines, one of them the power unit fitted to the latest fighters and day bombers supplied to the Royal Air Force and the other famous as the engine from which was developed the racing motor in the plane that won the last race for the Schneider Trophy and established the world's speed record of 237.7 miles an hour.

These engines were previously styled the "F" and "H" engines respectively. In naming them the makers, Rolls-Royce, Limited, have followed the tradition of the firm, and the names of birds are chosen to add to a family already represented by "Eagle," "Falcon," "Condor" and "Hawk" engines. Thus the 500 h.p. "F" engines become "Kestrels" and the 625 h.p. "H" motors become "Buzzards." The various types of engine in each class, differing in gear and compression ratios, are distinguished by the addition of a Roman numeral and a letter. For example, the engine formerly styled "F. XII. B," a system of nomenclature found by the Air Ministry to cause confusion, is now called "Kestrel II. B" and so on. The degree of supercharging is still indicated by the addition of the letters MS or S.

POWER FOR WAR PLANES.

The "Kestrel," a power unit of astonishing efficiency and compactness, is largely responsible for the surpassing speed and effectiveness of the most recent British service aeroplanes. One or more "Kestrel" motors provide the power in British fighters, day bombers, night bombers and flying boats, which are admittedly each in their class far superior in every aspect of performance to any aeroplanes built outside Great Britain.

The "H" engine, which received the compliment of a recent order for a batch of three from the United States Government, is again to provide the power for the British Schneider Trophy defenders.

PRIVATE FLYING.

Further evidence of the steady progress of private flying in Great Britain is contained in the latest list of privately owned aircraft, issued by the technical magazine "Flight." It contains the names of 312 owners, possessing between them 349 aeroplanes. Two of the owners on the list possess four aeroplanes each, five own three each, and 23 own two; on the other hand four pairs of owners are shown as sharing one machine. The number of people with one aeroplane each is given as 271.

The aeroplanes listed show plenty of diversity, though the majority of them are naturally light aeroplanes. They range from very small "baby" single-seaters to the tremendous three-engined flying boats employed as air yachts by the Hon. A. Guinness, which carry ten or twelve occupants in luxury and at high speed over long distances.

One apparent omission is the name of the world's most illustrious

**AIRPLANE IN A MAN
HUNT.**

**DASH FROM DETROIT TO
NEW YORK.**

A secret midnight air dash from Detroit to New York in a radio-equipped Ford tri-motor aeroplane recently enabled Lieutenant John Hoffman of the Detroit Detective department to capture a man badly wanted in connection with the murder of Jerry Buckley, Detroit radio announcer.

Lieutenant Hoffman caught his quarry in a Bronx bank just 12 hours after he had received a "tip" in Detroit that the man he sought was preparing to flee to Italy. The plane ride from Detroit had taken 6½ hours. The journey by train would have required 14 hours. It was one of the most interesting cases on record of the use of the aeroplane in tracking down suspected criminals.

In taking Lieutenant Hoffman from Detroit to New York, Myron E. Zeller, a Ford Motor Company pilot, set his course by radio beacons over the fog-hidden peaks of the Pennsylvania mountains. He also used the beacon flashes to locate Hadley Field, New Jersey, the eastern terminus of the trans-continental air mail route, where police cars were waiting to rush his passengers to New York.

Lieutenant Hoffman reached Ford Airport at Dearborn, Michigan, at midnight and the plane took off at once for New York.

Fog Sets In.

A bright moon was shining when the plane left Detroit. The pilot easily followed the lake shore into Cleveland. From that point on to New York, the radio beacons blazed the course. Bad flying weather came as the plane was passing Brookville, Pa., when the pilot spun the dial of his radio set to pick up the Bellefonte beacon. A growing haze was apparent and the lower valleys were filling with fog.

By the time the plane had passed Bellefonte, Pa., only the peaks of the mountains rose above the fog, and only the airway beacons on the highest peaks were visible. The plane was flying at 7,000 feet, safely above the peaks. As it passed Sunbury, Pa., the first low clouds heralding a ground fog appeared and from that point on the pilot flew above a solid cloud bank without a glimpse of the earth until Metuchen, N.J. was reached.

Then the signals in his earphones warned him he had passed Hadley Field to the North of the course. The pilot hunted a hole in the fog, dove down through it and flew south seeking the field. Then by flying a course circling the beacon and noting the changes in the signals as he crossed the course zones, the pilot was able to locate the field, though it was shrouded with fog, and found his way safely to the ground.

Lieutenant Hoffman climbed out of the plane, rushed to New York and a few hours later ran down his quarry. The suspect could have safely eluded the police and escaped by steamship but for the use of the aeroplane.

private aeroplane owner, the Prince of Wales. Close study of the list, however, reveals that his "Gipsy Moth" biplane and "Puss Moth" cabin monoplane are declared as the possession of the Prince's personal pilot, Mr. E. H. Fielden. Incidentally the "Moth" biplane is shown to be the most popular "aeroplane" in Great Britain, the list citing 170 of these machines. Next in number is the "Puss Moth" with 60, followed by "Avians" (28) and "Bluebirds" (19).

AIR MAIL TO INDIA.
—
40,000 LETTERS A WEEK.

Increasing use is being made of the Indian air-mail and, according to the latest figures available, an average of just on 40,000 letters a week is now being sent from England to India by Imperial Airways machines. At times of exceptional pressure, as at Christmas, the loads may comprise as many as 70,000 letters.

Business men in London find that the speed of the air-mail enables them to send out urgent letters to India, and obtain replies, in roughly the time taken for a letter to travel in one direction only by surface transport.

Odd Cargoes.

It is an interesting experience, when visiting the London air-station, to walk through the big freight sheds either just before the Indian air-mail departs, or immediately after the mail from India has arrived. In addition to the ever-growing mail loads, strange cargoes are often airborne along this great Empire route.

Not long ago a regular consignment of a certain medicine, prescribed by a doctor in London for a patient in India, and needing to be taken as soon as possible after it had been prepared, went out regularly on the Saturday morning mail-plane from Croydon, reaching its destination within a week of leaving London.

On another occasion a consignment of beautiful toys, bought in London for the children of an Indian Rajah, were consigned by air not only to save time but to minimise any risk of their being damaged. The airway, owing to the individual care with which everything is handled, proves an ideal mode of transport for fragile articles, and for this reason urgently-required electrical apparatus of many kinds finds its way into the Indian mail-planes.

Special hatching eggs are also sent by air, owing to the saving in time which can be obtained. Vaccines for hospitals are consigned by aeroplanes for a similar reason. Motor-car parts, urgently required, often find their way into aeroplanes outward-bound.

The time-factor enters into the question sometimes in respect of very unusual consignments. The other day, for example, a false beard, required in haste for a theatrical performance in India, was sent down to Croydon just in time to catch the outward-bound machine.

**AUTO-LAUNCHING OF
GLIDERS.**

**ASSOCIATION DRAWING UP
NEW RULES.**

The fatal accident to a glider at Harpenden is not likely to affect the great popularity of the sport in England.

It seems quite clear that the accident was the outcome, not of an ordinary gliding effort, but of experiments with launching apparatus that resulted in a speed far in excess of that normally attained at the start of a flight.

Gliding enthusiasts have expressed the opinion that the accident would not stand in the way of development.

A yearbook which, under the title of "Gliding, 1931," has been issued by the Dorset Gliding Club, deals fully with all aspects of the pastime. One of the many contributors is Capt. C. H. Latimer Needham, who says:—

Gliding is infinitely safer than power flying, largely because the causes of accidents applying to aeroplanes are either non-existent or greatly reduced with gliders and sailplanes. The chief dangers of flying are fire, the results of stalling and high landing speed.

Fire cannot, of course, take place with gliders, landing speed is low, and the effects of stalls are seldom serious. Owing to the light wing loading, stalls are little more than parachute descents, and flying speed is regained in a very short distance. Even when the machine turns into a spin to the ground, the machine generally takes the brunt of the crash.

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a New York paper, later convicted
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prisonment in Sing Sing. He in-
troduced carnations and other song
birds into the famous prison and
transformed some ugly stretches
into flower gardens during his long
term. He is, incidentally, the man
about whom Irvin Cobb wrote a
short story which he published
under the name, "The Man Who
Made a Garden on the Road to
Hell."

"SEA BAT."

Some idea of the wide variety of
talent required for the making of
motion pictures may be obtained
from a perusal of the company
recently returned from a location
trip to Mazatlan, Mexico, where
Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's marine
picture, "The Sea Bat," showing
on Thursday at the Queen's Theatre,
was filmed.

In a company of 62 persons, 21
different lines of work were re-
presented. Included were: Actors,
electricians, carpenters, painters,
writers, make-up experts, nurses,
doctors, sailors, cooks, divers,
property men, cameramen, sound
technicians, laboratory chemists,
still photographers, Spanish inter-
preters, stenographers and account-
ants, to say nothing of the work
of directing for which Wesley
Ruggles was responsible.

The cast included: Raquel Tor-
res, Charles Bickford, Nils Asther,
George F. Marion, John Miljan,
Boris Karloff, Gibson Gowland,
Edmund Breese, Mathilde Comont
and Mack Swain.

CENTRAL THEATRE.

"FLIGHT."

Lila Lee, who plays the leading
feminine role in "Flight," the
Columbia all-talking aviation film
coming to the Central Theatre to-
day, entered the theatrical pro-
fession accidentally at the very
early age of four. It happened
when her parents were entertain-
ing Gus Edwards at a dinner. Ed-
wards was putting on a new show
and needed a little girl for an im-
portant role. He suggested Lila
for the part. After a little con-
sulting, Mrs. Lee consented.

Lila remained with the show for
eight years. It proved a wonder-
ful training school for her. She
played in practically every notable
theatre throughout the United
States. She was thirteen years old
when she left Gus Edwards to be-
come a motion picture actress. She
was given a five years contract, by
Famous Players immediately after
the studio officials had seen her first
screen test.

When Lila finished her contract
with Famous Players, she returned
to the legitimate stage for a
short time, playing in "The Bride
Retires" and other successes. Since
she returned to the films, she has
appeared in innumerable outstand-
ing productions. The most recent
ones are "Queen of the Night
Clubs," "Dark Street" and
"Drag." In "Flight" she appears
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MARRIAGE LAW IN ITALY.

PAPAL ENCYCLICAL AND
STATE.
HEAVY PUNISHMENT FOR
INFIDELITY.

Rome.—An examination of the
recent encyclical on marriage and
some of the provisions of the new
penal Italian code which goes into
force next July shows that the
Italian state is in agreement with
the Pope's pronouncements on
matrimonial and sex questions in
many respects.

Birth control propaganda, whether
in the form of books, pamph-
lets or lectures, is prohibited under
the new code. The sale of con-
traceptives is technically forbidden,
and, in fact, neo-malthusianism in
all its forms is banned.
The punishments against marital
infidelity are not only maintained
but increased in rigour. Under the
law as it stands at present, a hus-
band or wife can be arrested for
adultery if surprised in incriminat-
ing circumstances by the police.
The wife or husband of the guilty
party must, however, invoke the in-
tervention of the police, who cannot
at present act on their own initia-
tive. Both guilty wife or husband
and the third party are liable to
imprisonment up to six months.

Increased Police Powers.
Under the new penal code the
maximum penalty will be increased.
It has also been proposed to include
in the new code a provision em-
powering the police to act merely on
information received, but it is
not yet certain whether this anti-
authority will finally be given the police
when the new code is enforced in
July.

Three years imprisonment under
the new code may be given anyone
who knowingly communicates a
venereal disease to another, and the
provision includes husbands and
wives.

Illegal operations are severely
punished under the new code.
(Continued on next column.)

4,000 BANDITS IN RAID. TOWN SOUTH OF WUCHANG PLUNDERED.

Hankow, March 31.—Refugees
arriving here to-day reported that
on Sunday the town of Chinniu-
chen, south of Wuchang, was plun-
dered by a group of bandits 4,000
strong.

The plundered town, one of the
most important Wuchang commer-
cial centres, suffered considerable
damage in the bandit raid, accord-
ing to the refugees.

So sudden was the attack that
those who arrived here had but
little time to gather a few of their
belongings before they fled.

The refugees declared that the
invading bandits were armed with
long spears. They went from house
to house committing atrocities
while others of their band armed
with guns and swords, surrounded
the town.

Wealthy residents and shop keep-
ers were forced to surrender their
possessions to the bandits. Cash,
stocks and even the furnishings of
homes are reported to have been
carried off by the brigands.

According to the refugees the
bandits made a careful inventory
of the loot they carried off from
the town. The bandits appeared to
be well organized and well disci-
plined.

though, differing from the precepts
of the encyclical, abortions are
permitted for curative or thera-
peutic purposes where absolute
necessity is proved after the opin-
ions of several doctors have been
heard. It is interesting to note that
the new penal code considers pro-
cured abortions as offences not
against the person, but against the
race, that is against the state or
nation, as impairing the supply of
the new generation.

Agreement in Principle.
The precepts of the Pope's en-
cyclical, and the principles of the
demographic campaign instituted by
Mr. Mussolini for the creation of
a strong and numerous population
are closely aligned.
With regard to the sterilization
of the unfit, the rulings of the penal
code and the words of the Pope
expressed in the encyclical are in
accord in condemning the practice.

PUZZLE FOR BERLIN POLICE.

CLUES LEADING TO SUICIDE
PACT OR A HOAX.

Berlin, March 5.—The Berlin
police are puzzled to-day as to
whether a boxwood box found by a
street scavenger under a bowler
hat on steps leading down to the
Spree contains the clue to a suicide
pact or to a remarkable hoax.

The finder of the box lost no
time in taking it to the police, for
a message written on an envelope
laid on top of the hat had inform-
ed him that the finder on taking
the box to the police would become
the writer's legatee for £50.

The mysterious casket on being
opened revealed twelve small nap-
kins, two photos of Signor Musso-
lini, and a letter in a feminine hand
which began "Passionately beloved
Baron" and went on to state that
the proposed marriage was impos-
sible owing to the disapproval of
the writer's family. The signature
was "A.S."

The other letter that had been
placed on top of the hat seemed to
be in a man's handwriting, sup-
posedly the Baron's, and contained
a will by which, besides the finder's
£50, 12,000 dollars was left to
twelve girls in needy circumstances
but of respectable character, aged
between 17 and 18.

The name of a Dresden lawyer
was given, to whom application was
to be made. The two lawyers of
that name in Dresden were immedi-
ately communicated with, but
neither knew anything about
"A.S." or any fortune of 15,000
dollars.

It has been suggested that the
whole thing was a put-up film
advertisement.

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2 p.m.—Close down.
6 to 8 p.m.—European programme
of Columbia records supplied
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6 to 6.30 p.m.—

Variety.

Orchestral—"That's My Weak-
ness Now."—Paul Whiteman
and his Orchestra.
Orchestral—"Wa Da Da."—Paul
Whiteman and his Rhythm
Boys.
Banjo Solo—"Butterfingers."—
Len Fillis.
Song—"Twelve and a Tanner a
Bottle."—Will Fyffe.
Comedy Sketch—"Mr. Higgins at
a Night Club."—Fred and
George Buck.
Laughing Song—"You've Got to
Laugh."—Charles Jolly.
Chorus—"What's the Matter with
P.C. Brown?"—The Metropol-
itan Police Minstrels with Orch.
6.30 to 6.57 p.m.—

Operatic.

"Carmen"—Selections (Bizet).—
The B.B.C. Wireless Symphony
Orchestra.
"Martha"—Selections (Flotow).—
Prinee's Orch.
"The Barber of Seville"—Over-
ture (Rossini).—B.B.C. Wireless
Symphony Orch.
7 p.m.—Stock quotations.
6.57 to 7.25 p.m.—

Violin Solo—"Cavatina" (Raff).
—Arthur Catterall.
Violin Solo—"Hungarian Dance
No. 2 in D Minor" (Brahms-
Joachim).—Arthur Catterall.

Organ Solo—"Fugue, Alla
Gigue" (Bach).—Herbert Wal-
ton.

Vocal Duet—"Come Silver Moon"
(Dowdon and Besly).—Dora
Labette and Hubert Eisdell
with Squire's Octette.
Vocal Duet—"Loves Dream"
(Dowdon-Liszt-Besly).—Dora
Labette and Hubert Eisdell
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Octet—"On Wings of Song"
(Mendelssohn, arr. Scar).—J.
H. Squire Celeste Octette.
7.25 to 7.37 p.m.—

Orchestral.

"William Tell Overture" (Ros-
sini).—New Queen's Hall Orch.
"Till's Merry Pranks" (Strauss).
—Brussels Royal Conserva-
toire's Orch.
"Ballet Egyptian" (Luigini).—
Symphony Orch. of Paris.
7.37 to 8 p.m.—

"The Merry Widow"—Waltz.
—Paul Whiteman and his Orch.
"The Beggar's Opera"—Selections.
—The Reg. Band of H.M.
Grenadier Guards.
"Les Cloches de Corneville"—Vocal
ensemble.—Columbia Light Opera
Company.

9 p.m.—Weather report, local time,
etc.

8.03 to 11.30 p.m.—Ko Shing The-
atre relay.

11.30 p.m.—Close down.

NATIONALIST WAVE SWEEPING CHINA.

DR. C. C. WU AND AMERICAN
IDEAS.

Hartford, March 28.—The Nation-
alist movement in sweeping China
"like an irresistible wave," Dr.
Wu Chao-shu, the Chinese Minister
to the United States declared here
to-day. It is largely American
inspired, the diplomat said.

In his address before a gathering
of the Young Men's Christian As-
sociation Dr. Wu cited the influence
of Abraham Lincoln on the late
Dr. Sun Yat-sen.

"American ideas," said Dr. Wu,
"are entering China in a great in-
flux and they are finding a ready
acceptance."

"This is due to the fundamental
democratic likeness of the people
of China and America. They are
similar in their humour and in the
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canism. She desires to absorb its
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that they may be grafted on her
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BOOKS and READERS

MISS S. KAYE-SMITH'S
FINE NEW NOVEL.



"Susan Spray." By Sheila Kaye-Smith, Cassell, 7s. 6d.

Miss Sheila Kaye-Smith thanks be to chance, providence, or the God of Letters, is herself again. "The History of Susan Spray, The Female Preacher," is in her old admirable vein writes Winifred Holtby in the News Chronicle.

I do not find it quite as satisfying as "Tamarisk Town," as exciting as "Green Apple Harvest," as moving as "Joanna Godden," or as beautiful as my favourite among all her books, "The Challenge to Sirius," but it is a good, full rounded, convincing and complete portrait of a woman, conveyed in a story which never falters and which contains descriptions that are fascinating and situations that are dramatic.

A Wage-Earner of Six.

"Susan Spray" contains one element that I have not noticed in any other novel by the writer—the element of irony. Susan is the eldest child of a poverty-stricken farm labourer, and grows up in the shadow of the Great Hunger of the eighteen-thirties, and of the deep, strange Biblical Calvinism of the sect of the Colgate Brethren to which her parents belonged. The novel contains the story of her evolution from a terrified little wage-earner of six, driven by a thunderstorm from the field where she was supposed to be scaring birds, into a mature and dominating woman, using her emotional and feminine power over the rich husband she has married by accidental bigamy to force him into building the temple and founding the community of which she may be high-priestess. There is irony in this tale of evolution which is also degeneration.

There is irony in the resourcefully portrayed relationship between Susan, the Preacher, and Tamar, her sister, the Woman of the Flesh. There is rich and acid irony in the last scene of Sarah, the bigamist, going to face her triumph. And the harsher irony, the finer the portrait of Susan, as though distasteful had taught to Sheila Kaye-Smith a penetration that love could never bring.

The Good Things in the Novel.

There are good things in the book besides the portrait of Susan. The plight of agricultural Sussex before the repeal of the Corn Laws, the interior of the farm to which Susan and Tamar are apprenticed, the public house in Lambeth at which Susan at last finds Tamar—her benefactress instead of her protégée, the adventures and ecstasies of the Colgate Brethren—all these are seen and described vividly yet solidly, their physical details memorised and reproduced with faithful care. The narrative, is prim and skilful; the individual scenes alive on the mental stage.

It is not only because it is a good novel that "Susan Spray" interests me. I feel that its writer dislikes the notion of women preachers. It does credit to her restraint and literary taste that she has drawn in rural, homely colours a Susan Spray, and not a florid Carmel Sharon, a Sister Aimee. But one feels that Sheila Kaye-Smith would judge and convert them for the same offence—presumptuous self-deceivers, who desert their true woman's work to usurp the priest-hood not intended for them. But there are Sister Aimees, and there are Susan Sprays, and since this novel is about Susan Spray and none other, it is a good novel, a novel which justifies itself—Jesuitical propaganda against the ministry of women or no.

It is the work of a novelist, not a propagandist, of a novelist who is artist enough to have perceived

her limitations and built up her tale within them. It deserves the success that it will assuredly receive.

INDIA AND THE NAVY.

"The Navy in India" (Benn, 30s.) once again reveals Admiral Sir Herbert Richmond's profound knowledge of naval history and his complete mastery of the strategic principles upon which British maritime supremacy has been laboriously reared. In this, his latest work, we have the detailed history of the operations conducted by the English against the French in the Indian theatre in the wars between 1763 and 1783. The book is based upon original papers—letters and despatches, many of which were placed at the author's disposal while serving as Commander-in-Chief of the East Indian Squadron. Though the book is long, and though, at times, Admiral Richmond is perhaps inclined to attribute to the various actors in the drama a more profound degree of calculation and foresight than probably inspired them, the lucidity of his writing prevents the book from at any time becoming tedious.

"The Navy in India" comes at a singularly opportune moment because there seems to be a very grave risk that those in authority may overlook the lessons that this Eighteenth Century naval campaign in the East has to teach us. In 1763, as to-day, there was a tendency to treat India as a problem apart from sea power. And yet its defence, its retention or loss, was finally settled at sea, as it must be to-day. Then, as now, the maintenance of communication and trade between England and the East was vital, and then as now, the necessity of a fleet in excess of France and her allies was amply demonstrated. A European two-Power standard was then necessary. In those days, to quote Admiral Richmond, "the British Government had too little reason to repose any profound faith in international agreement of any nature after its experience of the almost universal breach of the engagements made under the Pragmatic Sanction, and the equally notorious failure of foreign rulers to perform those services in war which, in peace, they had engaged themselves to perform. The contrast between precept and practice was too strongly marked to allow great and vital interests to be committed to such a frail defence. The temptation which the unprotected trade would offer would prove too great for the agreements to be observed."

Are our rulers to-day wiser than the rulers of the past? Are agreements to-day more reliable? May we not, with Admiral Richmond, legitimately doubt it?

THE MIDDLE EAST.

CONFLICT: ANGORA TO AFGHANISTAN. By Rosita Forbes. With a Foreword by Brigadier-General Sir Percy Sykes, K.C.I.E., C.B., C.M.G. With 48 Half-Tone Plates. Cassell, 15s. net. This is the record of a journey which took the author from Turkey, via Syria, Palestine, Iraq, and Persia, to the borders of Afghanistan, and back along the Russian frontier through Azerbaijan and Kurdistan, and provided a continuous spectacle of complex conflict, which in many places could only be expressed in terms resembling those of an "experiment" in organic chemistry. It is a vivid, full of human interest, by a writer defined by Sir Percy Sykes as "a gallant explorer, who is gifted with deep insight into the mind of the Oriental."

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CHOP STICKS.

I am glad to have been given the opportunity of reviewing the first copy of an enterprising little magazine published as a Far Eastern monthly review under the title of Chop Sticks. It is well got up and printed, and sells for the modest price of 50 cents.

The Editor in his opening remarks says "The existence of a new review requires more than a word of justification" and the justification which he puts forward is that "Chop Sticks is the only monthly review of literature and travel in the Far East." Chop Sticks presents itself, therefore, as a publication which hopes to fill a very big gap. Should it find and hold the place which its Editor hopes it will there can be no doubt that this review will be of very real interest not only in the Far East but at home and in America. In its pages one should be able to learn what is being done and thought in by fellow Europeans in other parts of the Far East; it should enable those of us whose business lies in South China to feel a closer kinship with those who work in Tientsin, in Japan and in Malaya, and beyond all that it should be able to present to those at home a picture of our lives and interests here, which, if less romantic, will be considerably nearer the truth than that based on the romances of transient novelists.

The Editor has been lucky in securing for the first number of Chop Sticks a witty article by Stella Benson on the position of the White Woman in China. There will be many, the present writer among them, who will dispute her deductions, but they are none the less amusing.

If the subject matter of some of the other articles seems a little obvious, it must be remembered that this is the first, or introductory, number of what the Editor hopes may become a sort of encyclopedia of everyday life in the East, and I feel that he has been wise in not wishing to rush straight into the middle of his book without this sort of preface.

The notes on art, travel, curios, the stage music, trade, etc., are all interesting in themselves and if continued in capable hands, should, as time goes on, be the backbone of the review, and make bound copies of Chop Sticks a really valuable reference book. In conclusion may I bid Chop Sticks a very hearty welcome and wish it all the success it deserves.

E.M.B.

In his Foreword, which concludes with this well-deserved compliment, Sir Percy Sykes provides a political background for her picturesque observations. Everywhere warfare is being waged between Eastern traditions and Western ideas, and nowhere can it be said that a final decision has been reached—for it is highly probable that the disappearance of such strong men as Mustafa Kemal and the present Shah will be followed by far-reaching reaction. The unwillingness of Afghanistan to be Westernised which led to Amanullah's downfall—symbolised by "Punch" in the picture of a hirsute tribesman, frantically stamping on a bowler hat—is but one phase of a ubiquitous factor varying in force from place to place and almost always inescapable. Islam, though weakened by internal dissensions, is still a strong bulwark against the atheistical power of Soviet Russia, and it would not pay the Bolshevik tyranny to attempt the annexation of Turkey or Persia or Afghanistan. One of the most interesting sections of this many-sided survey is the collection of "Russian Tales" (Chapters 10-21), which throw a flood of light on life under Soviet rule. Here, then, is a readable and reliable guide to the life and political economy of the

Middle East.

SLAVERY IN RUSSIA.

MORE PRISON CAMP REVELATIONS.

The impressive statements of persons deported to Solovki, with regard to the conditions of forced labour and the life in general in the Soviet prison camps, and corroboration in an interesting account which has appeared in a small news sheet, "Bildirish," written in Turkish for private circulation among Azeri refugees in Constantinople.

The author, Aghaoglu, a medical student at Bakou University, was mixed up with a group of young Azeri intellectuals with nationalist tendencies, and sentenced to deportation. After five years on Solovetki island he succeeded in escaping, and has recently arrived in Constantinople.

He first describes the origin of forced labour. At the outset political prisoners in the prison camps were not obliged to work, but a prisoner named Frenkel hit upon the idea of harnessing the energies of his fellow-convicts to the task of exploiting the forests of Karelia.

He drew up a plan, which was forwarded to Moscow. The authorities, as a result, created a special commercial office attached to the body officially known as Slon, and Frenkel was placed at the head of one of its sections.

Slon began to develop its activities and the system of forced labour, having produced "brilliant" results for Soviet commerce, an attempt was made to apply it to other branches of industry. Thus people are sent like slaves to any part of the country where the Soviets require labour. In the Petchora region the Soviets are conducting drilling operations with a view to extracting oil.

Much-needed Money.

The prisoners at Solovki are employed mainly on forest work, but in addition to forestry the prisoners are made to work in the State equipment factories at Novo Ostrov ("Soverolens"), and on the construction of roads for commercial purposes between Kem and Ouhka and Kem and Parendovo. The work in these marshy districts, dotted with innumerable lakes, is extremely hard, and thousands die from direct or indirect causes.

Slon receives orders from Moscow (the Commercial administration at Moscow) and Jelles (the Section in charge of railway wood equipment) for such and such a quantity of merchandise. The orders are executed by the convicts and the goods are despatched abroad in Norwegian and British ships.

Thus, at the cost of thousands of human lives, Moscow obtains the foreign currencies of which she stands in such need and spends them lavishly on the task of liberating "oppressed peoples and classes."

Aghaoglu affirms that in certain places where there was not sufficient work for the prisoners, the chekists hired them out as beasts of burden or slaves to local farmers, who naturally sought to obtain from them the maximum amount of work.

PLOT TO DESTROY AIRSHIP.

ARRESTED HUNGARIAN RELEASED ON BAIL.

Akron, March 27.—Paul F. Kasay, former Hungarian army officer—who is charged—with having plotted the destruction of the U.S.S. Akron, new giant dirigible of the United States navy now nearing completion here, to-day was released on bail.

The bail for the release of Kasay on charges of violating Ohio's antisubordination or anti-Communism law was furnished by Communists. "Until to-day I was not a Communist," said Kasay, who is described as a "Red" by secret service operators. "But now I am a Communist."

In some quarters it is believed that Kasay is insane. He was detected, while employed as a workman in constructing the Akron, in an attempt to bring about the wreck of the dirigible on her first trial flight by failing to install important rivets and by weakening the supports of the control cabin.

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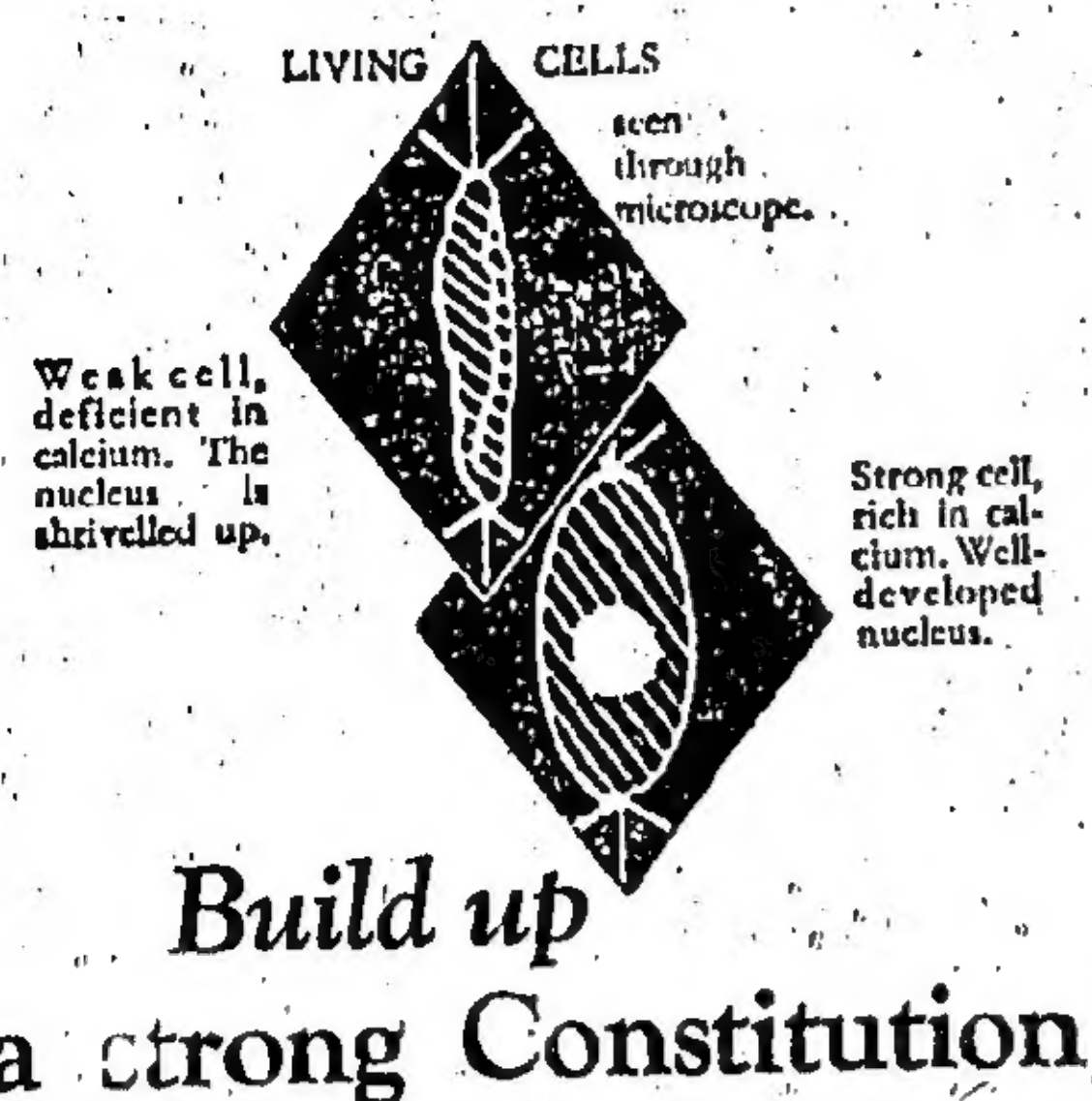
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LAST WEEK'S ACTIVITIES.

SUNDAY, MARCH 29:—
H.E. the Governor and Lady Peel accompanied by Capt. T. A. H. Colman, A.D.C., lunched with the Hon. Mr. A. E. Wood at Taipei.

MONDAY, MARCH 30:—
Representing H.E. the Governor, Capt. T. A. H. Colman, A.D.C., and Senor Matta Oliveira, Governor designate of Macao, on his arrival in the Colony.

Capt. A. L. Jackson, R.N., paid a call on His Excellency and stayed to lunch at Government House.

H.E. the Governor attended by Capt. T. A. H. Colman, A.D.C., carried out the annual inspection of the Hong Kong Police Force.

H.E. the Governor and Lady Peel attended by Capt. T. A. H. Colman, A.D.C., were the guests of the directors of the China Entertainment Co. and of Lane Crawford, Ltd., at the inaugural banquet and a private performance at the King's Cinema.

TUESDAY, MARCH 31:—
H.E. the Governor attended by Capt. T. A. H. Colman, A.D.C., paid an informal call on their Majesties the King and Queen of Siam on the m.s. Scandia.

H.E. the Governor and Lady Peel gave a dinner party in honour of their Majesties the King and Queen of Siam, the following were the guests:—H.R.H. Prince Suvatti, H.E. Vice-Admiral Sir Howard and Lady Kelly, H.E. Major-General Sandilands, H.H. Mr. Justice Wood, Hon. Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Hallifax, the Hon. Sir Shouson and Lady Chow, Chao Phya Byjendr, Monchoo Vipulaya Svatikul, Monchoo Thavara Jayavanta, M.L. Klong Jayavanta, Phra Nararat, Mr. and Mrs. Hagram.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1:—
H.E. the Governor received the members of the Currency Committee. Capt. T. A. H. Colman, A.D.C., went on board the R.M.S. Empress of Japan to pay H.E. the Governor's respects to their Majesties the King and Queen of Siam on their departure from the Colony.

THURSDAY, APRIL 2:—
H.E. the Governor received M. J. Jose Salas, Consul-General for Peru. Lady Anderson, Mr. J. S. Anderson, and Mr. A. D. Anderson lunched at Government House.

H.E. the Governor presided at the meeting of the Legislative Council.

H.E. the Governor and Lady Peel moved to Mountain Lodge.

MYSTERY OF A HEART.

IS IT MONTROSE'S? 280
YEARS IN A CASKET.

There has just been entrusted to the care of Captain H. S. Whealy, Governor-General of the Royal Stuart Society and president of the Royal Martyr Church Union, for final identification, what is believed to be the embalmed heart of the great Marquess of Montrose.

Montrose, after the final defeat of his efforts to regain Scotland for the Stuarts, was captured by his Covenanting enemies and hanged as a traitor at Edinburgh on May 21, 1650. A little casket was smuggled from the blade of Montrose's sword, and in this the heart was placed after embalming.

The relic, according to Captain Whentley-Crowe, remained safe on the Continent until the French Revolution, when it was brought back to this country by a member of the Campbell-Johnston family—a direct ancestor of the late Mr. Christopher Perkins, J.P., of Swansea.

The casket, together with an outer cover of gold filigree, was discovered in a Dutch collection and bought for the fifth Lord Napier, who understood it to be the former receptacle of the heart and bequeathed it to his daughter, Mrs. Johnston, of Cairnmalloch.

During her husband's service in India this case was stolen and bought by the Nabob of Arcot, who restored it later, however, to the Johnstons when a son of the family saved his life. On their way home through France in 1792, fearing that the Revolutionary Government would confiscate it, the Johnstons entrusted the case for safe keeping to an English woman at Boulogne, but she died before they could reclaim it and, in those disturbed times, they never succeeded in tracing it.

JAPAN TO BUILD HUGE AEROPLANE.

PLANS FOR LARGEST
MACHINE IN THE WORLD.

Tokyo, March 28.—Officials at the great Kawasaki Shipyards today announced plans for construction of the world's largest aeroplane.

The Japanese intend to build, along the lines of Germany's Dornier-Wahl, the DO-X, an aeroplane capable of accommodating 100 passengers, officers and members of the crew.

Y.M.C.A. ACTIVITIES.

THE AMATEUR DRAMATIC CLUB.

Next Thursday evening, April 9, at the Y.M.C.A. Kowloon, is being held the last Ladies' Night of the season.

Since the opening of the European Branch of the Institution some few years ago, such successive winter 'has proved that these monthly functions are, perhaps, the most entertaining and interesting of their kind given at Kowloon, apart from the fact that they also give to members the opportunity of entertaining non-member friends.

The formation of an Amateur Dramatic Club early this winter has provided the Y.M.C.A. with a plentiful supply of talented members for the programme for these evenings, practically right through the season. In consequence this winter's session of entertainment has been the best on record, and members of the dramatic club are to be congratulated on their efforts.

Ambitious as the programme have appeared to be from the on-lookers' viewpoint, it is worth repeating that the Y.M.C.A. activities have been well justified. Comedy, drama, and farce, from the pens of such well-known authors as Milne, Barrie, Jacobs, and Arnold Bennett have been produced and played extremely well during the past few months.

Given better facilities and opportunities this little dramatic club should go far towards helping in the field of entertainment in the Colony, and in connection with this we understand that in the new wing which is now being added to the Y.M.C.A. premises, a large assembly hall with a permanent stage is being erected.

This augurs well for the future activities of the dramatic club. The programme arranged for Thursday evening is well up to the previous standard, Sir James Barrie's "The Twelve Pound Look" being the chief attraction. This story of the newly created knight, a pompous self-made man whose sole ambition through life has been to accrue much wealth, and by so doing has attained a surfeit of this world's goods without gaining the happiness that should go with it (although this latter fact he doesn't admit), the weak, spineless wife, and the neat and efficient little typist who, for the second time, comes into the life of "Sir" Harry Sims, thereby completely spoiling his morning, and also instilling into the mind of the future Lady Sims' thoughts as to the possibilities in life which are still hers for the asking, is already well-known. It suffices to say here, therefore, that the parts are played by the Rev. N. V. Hayward, Miss Margaret Birt and Miss Kathleen Curtin, respectively, and as these clever amateurs have already appeared before local audiences with success patrons can look forward to a very enjoyable evening's entertainment.

Musical and vocal items by local artistes provide the first half of the programme.

KAO YING APPEALS TO NANKING.

SENSATIONAL TRIAL
REACHES FINAL STAGES.

Nanking, March 31.—Further court action in the case of Kao Ying, former vice-consul for China in San Francisco, loomed to-day with receipt of advice that he is to appeal to the Supreme Court from the verdict in his retrial yesterday.

At Soochow the Kiangsu Provincial High Court yesterday acquitted Kao Ying on charges of smuggling opium into San Francisco but he was sentenced to 16 months in detention on charges of complicity in smuggling Chinese labourers into the United States.

Upon his sentence yesterday Kao Ying filed notice of his appeal.

TEN INJURED IN TOKYO RIOT.

POLICE AFFRAY WITH
WORKMEN.

Tokyo, March 31.—Ten policemen were wounded, several of them seriously, in an affray with 500 members of the City Employees Union here to-day.

Completion of rehabilitation projects made necessary by the earthquake of 1923 resulted in the discharge yesterday of 500 employees of the City Engineering Bureau. It was to protest against the discharge of these workers that the labourers staged their demonstration to-day.

NOTED STAGE STAR DEAD.

ALMA STANLEY.
END IN A PRISON
HOSPITAL.

The tragedy of a once famous stage beauty, a friend of King Edward, was revealed last month. She was Miss Alma Stanley, who until recently lived over a garage in Notting Hill.

She died in the prison hospital at Holloway, where she was under remand on a charge of drunkenness, her name appearing as Mrs. Alice Porter (78), widow, Notting Hill Gate. Her husband was Stuart de Garmo Porter.

At the inquest Dr. John Hall Morton, the governor and medical officer, stated that death was due to bronchitis, congestion of the lungs and chronic alcoholism. Mrs. Porter would not admit that she was more than 55 years old.

The jury recorded a verdict of "Death from natural causes."

Miss Alma Stanley played leading parts at most of the London theatres. She was one of the idols of London when she starred at the Gaiety, the Royalty and the Haymarket, and numbered many well-known people among her friends.

The daughter of Captain Stuart Stanley, a member of the body-guard of the Emperor Maximilian of Mexico, she was trained as a dancer from her childhood. When only 18 she made her first stage appearance at Milan, and her dancing brought her instant success.

Londoners saw her on the stage for the last time in 1902, when she played Mrs. Vesey in "The House Agent's Dilemma."

"I had known Mrs. Porter for the past five years," Mr. Alfred T. Barnes, proprietor of the Coronet Garage, Notting Hill, told the "News-Chronicle" recently. "She led a quiet life in the five rooms above the garage."

"She could speak three languages fluently. Always dressed fashionably, she did not look her years, and before her illness one would have taken her for a woman twenty years younger."

An intimate woman friend said: "Mrs. Porter was a lady beautiful of the district and would help anyone who came to her with a story of poverty. She held court like any modern stage star would do in her dressing-room, in the little flat above the garage."

"I understood that she served with the transport services in France and was wounded."

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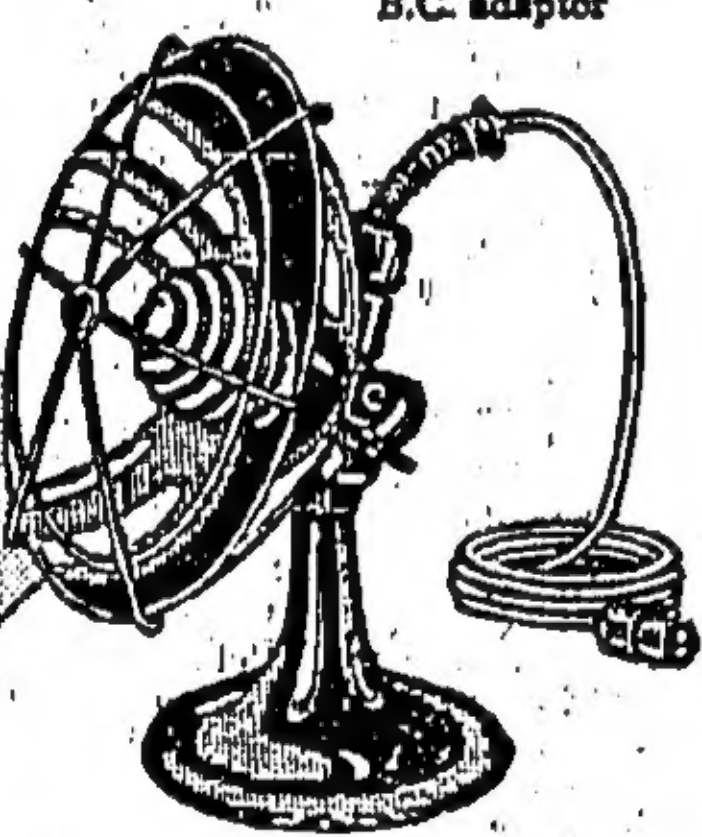
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HETMAN AND SITTING BULL BOTH BEATEN.

[By "MORNING DEW"]

The Easter Meeting proved to be a great triumph for Mr. Frost who, after riding five winners and two seconds on Saturday, followed his success with five more winners yesterday and three thirds.

The outstanding race of the day was, of course, the New Aggregate Stakes over six furlongs. Apollo won the event from King's Bounty and returned the excellent time of 1 minute 23.1 seconds which is easily a record for China ponies in Hong Kong. King's Bounty put up a very strong opposition and stayed closed to Apollo over the first half a mile, but was no match for Mr. Chan Tin Son's candidate in the straight.

Sitting Bull was defeated when he was saddled for the Easter Handicap over a mile and a half where he carried top weight. Gay Crusader, after his excellent showing on Saturday repeated his performance and once again came home a winner. Wisdom Stag also started in this race, but had to be satisfied with third place.

Hetman was again defeated, this time over six furlongs by Mr. Dunbar's Glenavilles. The pony must have been suffering from the strain of the grueling race he had with Apollo on Saturday.

MORNING STAR PAYS BIG DIVIDEND.

The programme opened with a race for Australians and Evening Star ridden by Mr. Harriman was made a firm favourite. There was much speculation as to whether the lightly weighted Caulfield (112 pounds) could do the trick. Events proved that this pony was not good enough. Pegasus got well away early in the race and entering the straight first won much as he liked with the favourite occupying second place. Fritz, ridden by Mr. Harnd and carrying top-weight was third.

Hetman Beaten.

The second race saw the defeat of Hetman at the hands of Glenavilles. Mr. Roza took Hetman out at the outset and kept him in front until entering the straight when Mr. Harnd sent up Glenavilles which passed Hetman comfortably. As stated previously Hetman appeared to be suffering from the effects of his hard race with Apollo on Saturday. There were six starters in all.

The Grouse Again.

The Grouse brought Mr. Frost his second win of the day. The success was a particularly meritorious one and was due in no small measure to the jockey's effort. There were nineteen starters here and the race was a slow one. Mr. Frost brought The Grouse into a handy position before entering the straight and coming through with a great burst at the distance post, won much as he liked. Fritillery made a big effort to snatch the honours from The Grouse, but the task was too big. Leveret, ridden by Mr. da Roza, defeated with Bridge Hall for third place.

Top Weight Wins.

Noukhail redeemed his defeat on Saturday by accounting for the Mrs Bay Handicap from a field of fourteen. Happy Choice took the lead early on and entered the straight two lengths to the good. He looked all over a winner when Mr. Newbigging sent Noukhail out from the middle of the field and only a little hard riding was required to bring the pony out in front. He won fairly comfortably. Happy Choice was a good second and Mr. Harnd, who was fairly heavily backed, brought Redskins into third position.

Easter Handicap.

The longest race of the day drew Sitting Bull, Gold Key, Wisdom Stag, Gay Crusader, Roodlan and Christmas Chimes. The last two were never at any time in the race. Gold Key took the lead and set a very fast pace being closely followed by Gay Crusader. A few lengths further away Wisdom Stag and Sitting Bull watched each other. There was not much change of position the first time round, but going up the incline the second time, Gold Key and Gay Crusader drew away from Sitting Bull and Wisdom Stag. Gold Key lost a good bit of ground in the village bend when both Wisdom Stag and Sitting Bull drew closer up. A thrilling fight in the straight saw Gay Crusader get the verdict from Sitting Bull almost on the post, with Wisdom Stag filling the third place and Gold Key a very good fourth.

Novices Race.

Mr. Fung won on Jill in the Novices Race and paid the smallest dividend up to that time. Jill gave no trouble whatever at the starting gate and from the word "Go" gave one the impression that there was very little for him to do except to run by himself. Mr. Fung set Jill into the lead at the five furlong post and remained in front for the rest of the journey, although Marquis Hall at one stage came very close to the winner. Lobster Bay filled third place.

Pacemaker Again.

After paying one of the best dividends on Saturday, Pacemaker repeated his performance yesterday and came in to pay another handsome dividend in the Starling Stakes when he won from a field of thirteen. The Quail led most of

the way but was outpaced in the straight. Vamoosa, ridden by Mr. Charles filled the third place.

Apollo had no difficulty in winning the Aggregate Stakes where he paid his supporters 40 cents profit for a win. The pony bids fair to win the Aggregate Cup this season. The tenth race of the day, the Mrs Bay Handicap, resulted in the biggest dividend of the day, Morning Star paying \$275.80 to each of his supporters. Two griffins of this meeting, Morning Star and Mindoro, filled the first two places with The Pheasant getting third. Morning Star was ridden by Mr. Ip and was not prominent at any stage of the race. The pony responded beautifully to Mr. Ip's urging at the distance post and gradually came up on the leaders to win right at the winning post, when Mindoro looked every inch a winner. The Pheasant lost ground when he topped out badly over the last hundred yards of the race.

First and Last.

The programme very appropriately closed with Mr. Frost bringing home Wonderful Stag which won from Daylight Eve and Cyclamen Bay in a mile. The winner was sent out on entering the straight and responded to Mr. Frost's asking so well that he had no difficulty in disposing of his chief rival in Cyclamen Bay. Mr. Charles who was riding Daylight Eve brought the pony up in the last few paces to get second place. In all, Mr. Frost rode ten winners, was placed second on two occasions and had three thirds. He is riding at the top of his form at the moment and though some of his mounts are undoubtedly the best animals in training, there was nevertheless a big proportion of wins which were by no means certainties, as evidenced by the big dividends paid on his mounts from time to time.

RESULTS.

1.—Canterbury Park Handicap: Six Furlongs.

For Australian ponies. Non-winners. Entrance fee \$5. 1st prize \$400; 2nd prize \$200; 3rd prize \$100.

Dr. J. C. Macgown's Pegasus (Mr. L. G. Frost) 1
Messrs. Kong Broa's Evening Star (Mr. Harris) 2
Mr. W. T. Stanton's Fritz (Mr. Harnd) 3

Also ran: Caulfield (Mr. Y. T. Fung); Queen Regent (Mr. Roza); Thunderclap (Mr. B. A. Proulx). Won by one length; one length and a half between second and third.

Time: 1 min. 25 sec.
Pari-mutuel:—
Winner: \$57.30.
Places: 1st \$8.50; 2nd \$4.10; 3rd \$3.60.

Betting.
Winner. Place.
Fritz 421 537
Caulfield 117 208
Pegasus 115 258
Queen Regent 145 273
Evening Star 527 277
Thunderclap 137 297

2.—Mrs Bay Plate: Seven Furlongs.

For China ponies. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners at this meeting bid for Jockey allowance. Entrance fee \$5. 1st prize \$500; 2nd prize \$300; 3rd prize \$200.

Mr. Dunbar's Glenavilles (Mr. Harnd) 1
Mr. Dynasty's Hetman (Mr. Roza) 2
Mr. Dunbar's Elliot Bay (Mr. Proulx); Boxer (Mr. Charles); Winsome Stag (Mr. Frost) 3

Won by one length; one and a half lengths between second and third. Time: 1 min. 43.2.5 sec.
Pari-mutuel:—
Winner: \$34.70.
Places: 1st \$8.30; 2nd \$4.60; 3rd \$4.00.

Betting.
Winner. Place.
Hetman 1,853 1,524
Royal Flush 93 186
Boxing Eve 329 480
Elliot Bay 33 68
Glenavilles 304 744
Winsome Stag 93 273

3.—Mrs Bay Handicap: Second Division: One Mile.

For China ponies "C" Class. Top weight not to exceed 101 lbs. Entrance fee \$5. 1st prize \$400; 2nd prize \$200; 3rd prize \$100.

Messrs. Hall and Shenton's The Grouse (Mr. Frost) 1
Messrs. Brown and Coppin's Fritillery (Mr. Bramwell) 2
Mr. Ho Koon Tong's Bridge Hall (Mr. Harnd) 3
Mr. Harnd's Leveret (Mr. Roza) 4

4.—Dead Heat.

Also ran:—One Third (Mr. Yue Shun Wa); Bronze Eyes (Mr. Charles); The Lombard (Mr. King); Muscot (Mr. Botelho); Grey Dawn (Mr. Newbigging); Pagoda (Mr. Fung); Christmas Belle (Mr. Harnd); Cloudy Eve (Mr. Proulx); Cream Cracker (Butler); Orlando (Mr. Harriman); Tunney (Soares); Armony (Mr. Stewart); Monk (Mr. Ip); Chivalrous (Mr. Reidy); Thunderous Stag (Mr. A. W. da Roza). Won by three quarters of a length; half a length between second and third.

Time: 2 min. 5.2.5 sec.
Pari-mutuel:—
Places: 1st \$22.70; 2nd \$7.10; 3rd \$5 and \$0.50.

Betting.

Winner. Place.
One Third 13 21
Bronze Eyes 64 103
Fritillery 476 770
The Lombard 8 17
Bridge Hall 374 637
Mascot 6 13
Grey Dawn 21 53
Pagoda 12 41
Christmas Belle 243 340
Thunderous Stag 9 17
Cloudy Eve 139 177
Cream Cracker 13 25
Orlando 303 303
Tunney 93 101
The Grouse 527 946
Leveret 100 223
Armony 69 169
Monk 13 28
Chivalrous 149 180

4.—Mrs Bay Handicap: Third Division: One Mile.

For China ponies "D" Class. Top weight not to exceed 101 lbs. Entrance fee \$5. 1st prize \$350; 2nd prize \$150; 3rd prize \$75.

Messrs. Newbigging & Gordon's Noukhail (Mr. Newbigging) 1
Mr. Wong Lan Kam's Happy Choice (Mr. Ip Kui Ying) 2
Mr. John's Redskins (Mr. Harnd) 3

Arctic Eve (Mr. Proulx); Twilight (Mr. Fung); The Turbot (Mr. Harriman); Silver Flare (Mr. Yue Shun Wa); Sultry Eve (Mr. Botelho); Agate (Mr. Bramwell); Bay of Bellingham (Mr. Fung); Fiorotta (Mr. Roza); Loch Sloy (Mr. Stewart); Mornanagher (Mr. Frost); Ploughman (Mr. Butler).

Won by half a length; half a length between second and third. Time: 2 mins. 11.1.5 sec.

Pari-mutuel:—
Winner: \$44.00.
Places: 1st \$12.20; 2nd \$34.80; 3rd \$8.00.

Betting.

Winner. Place.
Arctic 76 128
Twilight 110 270
The Turbot 48 94
Happy Choice 78 128
Noukhail 272 527
Silver Flare 7 12
Sultry Eve 22 30
Agate 58 145
Redskins 739 1,040
Bay of Bellingham 680 1,074
Fiorotta 224 344
Loch Sloy 137 227
Mornanagher 207 356
Ploughman 14 17

5.—Easter Handicap: 1 1/2 Miles.

For China ponies "B" Class. Top weight not to exceed 105 lbs. Entrance fee \$5. 1st prize \$600; 2nd prize \$300; 3rd prize \$200.

Messrs. Toke and Freely's Gay (Mr. Roza) 1
Mr. Dunbar's Sitting Bull (Mr. Harnd) 2
Mr. Chan Tin Son's Wisdom Stag (Mr. Frost) 3

Also ran:—Gold Key (Mr. Charles); Roodlan (Mr. Charles); Christmas Chimes (Mr. Butler). Won by a short head; half a length between second and third. Time: 3 mins. 6.1.5 sec.

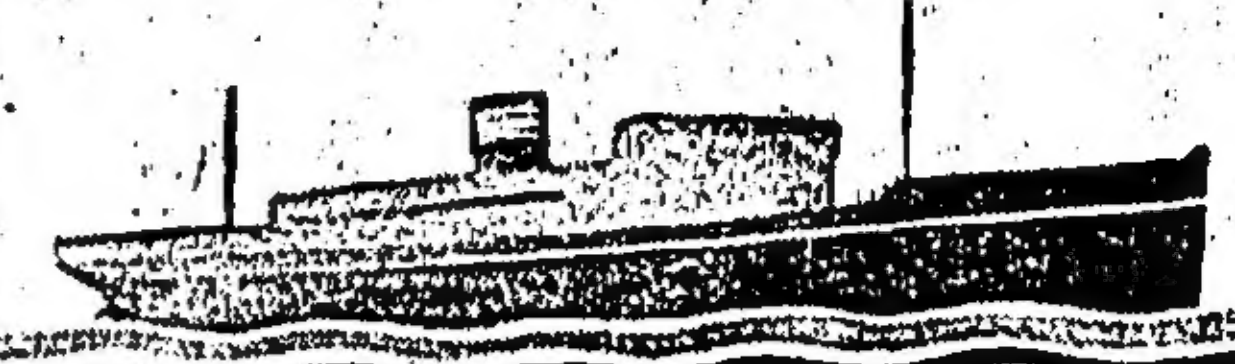
Betting.

Winner. Place.
Gold Key 427 700
Sitting Bull 1,817 1,728
Roodlan 51 151
Christmas Chimes 82 163
Wisdom Stag 838 1,510
Gay Crusader 620 642

6.—Gin Drinkers Bay Plate: One Mile.

For China ponies which have started in Hong Kong at least twice since January 1, 1931, and have not won. Weight for inches as per scale. 1 lb. penalty for every \$200 of part thereof won in stakes since January 1, 1931. To be ridden by jockeys who have not won five flat races anywhere at any time. Jockey's 2 lbs. extra for each race won. Entrance fee \$5. 1st prize \$400; 2nd prize \$200; 3rd prize \$100.

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Messrs. Mackie and Grayburn's Jill (Mr. Fung) 1
Lady Peel's Margate (Mr. Harnd) 2
Mr. A. A. R. Botelho's Lobster Bay (Mr. Soares) 3

Also ran:—Young Pretender (Mr. Stewart); Imperial Hall (Mr. H. da Botelho); New Year's Eve (Mr. Lobel); Jadestone (Mr. Yue Shun Wa); Sonny Boy (Mr. King); Crown Prince (Mr. A. W. da Roza); The Gomeril (Mr. Butler). Won by three lengths; one length between second and third.

Betting.

Winner. Place.
Young Pretender 541 789
Imperial Hall 35 50
Jill 1,403 1,475
New Year's Eve 112 227
Jadestone 42 67
Crown Prince 83 134
Lobster Bay 169 380
Marquis Hall 434 637
The Gomeril 57 150
Sonny Boy 41 59

7.—Tolo Plate: 1 1/2 Miles.

For China ponies, non-winning griffins of this season which started on 16th. Weight for inches as per scale. Jockey allowance. Entrance fee \$5. 1st prize \$400; 2nd prize \$200; 3rd prize \$100.

Dr. J. C. Macgown's Britannic Hall (Mr. Harnd) 1
Mrs. Harriman's Paul Pry (Mr. Harriman) 2
Mr. Chan Tin Son's Wise Stag (Mr. Frost) 3

Also ran:—Brunswick Hall (Mr. Proulx); Eros (Mr. Ip Kui Ying); The Wind (Mr. Pan); Nifty (Mr. Soares); Silver Key (Mr. Roza). Won by one length and a half; two lengths between second and third.

Betting.

Winner. Place.
Paul Pry 1,762 2,224
Brunswick Hall 70 129
Eros 232 537
The Wind 39 206
Britannic Hall 390 570
Nifty 230 377
Silver Key 245 571
Wise Stag 245 571

8.—Starling Stakes: Six Furlongs.

For China ponies, subscription griffins of the Jockey Club of this

season which have not won more than \$1,000 in stakes. Weight for inches as per scale. 2 lbs. penalty for every \$500 or part thereof won in stakes. Jockey allowance. Entrance fee \$5. 1st prize \$400; 2nd prize \$200; 3rd prize \$100.

Mr. Westoo's Pacemaker (Mr. Proulx) 1
Messrs. Hall and Shenton's The Quail (Mr. Frost) 2
Messrs. Li & Kitchell's Vamoosa (Mr. Charles) 3

Also ran:—Chostow II (Mr. Bramwell); Anceia Leaf (Mr. Fung); Sunny Day (Mr. Roza); Celerity (Mr. Reidy); Awaken Lion (Mr. Botelho); Happy Returns (Mr. Ip Kui Ying); Anceia Leaf (Mr. Pan); Sun Stag (Mr. King); Scappit (Mr. Harriman).

Won by half a length; two lengths between second and third. Time: 1 min. 35 sec.

Betting.

Winner. Place.
Chostow II 37 23
Vamoosa 187 400
Anceia Leaf 158 217
Sunny Day 350 401
Celerity 32 76
Awaken Lion 20 40
Pacemaker 324 510
Happy Returns 48 121
Ootombridge 416 722
Anceia Leaf 554 792
Suns Foul 14 27
The Quail 615 837
Scappit 439 473

9.—First New Aggregate Stakes: Six Furlongs.

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(Continued on Page 7.)

A HAINAN TRAVELOGUE

VIVID PICTURE OF FERTILE AND
TURBULENT ISLAND.THE WORST PLACE ON THE CHINA
COAST!

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

KACHAK, Hainan Island, March 30.

Early in March your correspondent made a trip to Hong Kong, and perhaps a few observations of the journey to and from that island metropolis may be of interest.

For an interior market, Kachak has good communication with the port-mall in by native bus every day, and native cars making the trip out daily also. So when word came that there would be a steamer leaving on a certain day a seat in a native bus was promptly engaged. Fare was only \$5 local currency at that time although it is often more. The car was a new Ford as to engine but a locally made wooden frame as to body, and I occupied the front seat with the driver and two other Chinese men. The running boards were piled high with freight and baggage, well roped on, and it required considerable acrobatic ability to climb up over the one comparatively free space on the wheel side, slide under the wheel and descend gracefully into the place allotted me between the driver and another passenger.

Crop Prospects Good.

We left Kachak at 6.30 a.m. and reached Hoihow, some 75 miles away as the road goes, at 11 a.m. One puncture delayed us perhaps 15 minutes, and paying tolls a few minutes. The road is good except in a few spots. The route is a winding one but requires very few bridges or culverts. The gravel soil drains well and requires little grading. The worst difficulty comes from chuck holes where the standing water has softened the soil and continuous traffic makes the hole larger and larger. The remedy lies in a bit more attention to proper grading, making the centre of the road higher than the sides to carry off all surface water. Two other improvements would be levelling off the terraces gradually rather than leaving them as abrupt as they are at present, and banking the curves—there are one or two really hair-pin ones where the road skirts a bit of hilly country. American drivers of cars say the curves are now banked on the wrong side!

The road goes through pretty country, following the watershed. The rice fields fill every valley and crop prospects are good this year. The uplands are used only for grazing and for some cultivation of sweet potatoes, pineapple, indigo, tea, peanuts, millet and occasionally upland rice. Study of soils and adaptation of methods of dry farming would undoubtedly greatly increase the agricultural output of the island.

The Golden River.

There is one large stream to be crossed—the Golden River, or the Pak-giang river as it is called in Hoihow. Flat spots carrying two cars at a time are used as ferries. At the most used crossing, Ham-khai, cement approaches have been built at both sides and a motorboat propels the ferry across. Here our chauffeur and mechanic and a number of the passengers ate their breakfast, while waiting for our turn to cross. There are three other places where ferries are operated, usually however by man-power. Several times communists have burned boats at this particular ferry, and the wreckage is on the sands, mute witnesses to the destructive element in present political propaganda.

The Worst Part of the China Coast.

Hainan Straits and Hoihow Harbour have the unsavory distinction of being the worst part of the China coast. Peculiar tides, swift banks, reefs, narrows, whirlpools, fog—all are there. There is really no harbour—just an open roadstead. It was low tide when we started out to the steamer that was supposed to be coming in, although it was too foggy to see.

Mr. A. W. L. Oliver, who was in Hoihow on Customs business for his first visit since he left the post 23 years ago, spoke of the great changes in Hoihow city but said the mud flats, the spit and the fog were just the same, or perhaps more so!

We went in the Customs punt from the jetty over the mud to the motorboat, to the Customs hulk moored at the bar, out in the houseboat around the bar and into the open sea where the waves were too high for a motorboat, on through the fog till a clanging bell and a ghostly shape gave evidence of a steamer. We went on board her, though she was leaving soon for Singapore, to wait for the first steamer for Hong Kong and incidentally to have some tiffin. At last the fog lifted enough for our boat to come in and we went aboard, hopping from the bobbing houseboat to the gangplank at the psychological moment, with steady hands to help. The fog dropped again so we had a leisurely trip, anchored just outside the harbour limits until the next morning, and later anchored just at the entrance to the straits.

Even Kame and Limko lights are little use in seasons of heavy fog—only the most powerful lights could pierce such a sheet of oblivion as Nature prepares at times—and the buoys at the narrows are absolutely invisible. Five or six days of delay for vessels in the straits are not unthinkable in winter as even in the best of weather the narrows are rarely navigated at night. On the return trip two weeks later there was still some fog, and when it lifted we saw a Japanese coaster on the rocks with the tug standing by. And we were caught in a squall in the cargo boat as we were coming ashore with our goods and chattels—but that's a mere incident in Hoihow harbour.

Fighting Goes On.

Conditions are still unsettled in Hainan. There are far too few soldiers to cope with the situation. Fighting goes on intermittently near Hoihow and Kungchow. Rumour has it that the soldiers are boycotting the Hainan Hospital and its Chinese staff because they performed necessary amputations on wounded soldiers.

There are a number of soldier patients in the Hoihow Hospital (of the American Presbyterian Mission) where amputations would also be performed if necessary. The motor road to Nodou is not yet open though there are prospects of it; only one bridge yet to be repaired, according to last reports. Any fresh outbreak of vandalism is likely, however, to destroy again all that has been repaired, in some cases for the third or fourth time.

To the south, in Yangnong, people are living in perpetual fear of attack. A theatre was held in Kachak market recently and an attack was planned on the market. It miscarried because the attempt to shoot a military official was made too early in the evening and the alarm was sent out. Cow merchants were robbed of several thousand dollars in a car hold-up late one afternoon as they were returning from Hoihow, and recently the militia guards escorting cow merchants and their cows out to Hoihow were overpowered and seventy cows driven off by bandits.

Welcome Visitors.

Dr. and Mrs. Charles E. Park and two sons of the American Presbyterian Mission, Yunkiang, Yunnan, recently spent a few days visiting friends in Hainan as they came through on their way to U.S.A. on furlough. Visitors even with a limited amount of time can now get to Kachak and Nodou in normal times, since the motor roads make the journey only a matter of hours instead of days.

M. M. MONTAGNA.

YESTERDAY'S RACING.

(Continued from Page 6.)

Mr. Chan Tin Son's Apollo (Mr. Frost) 1
Mr. Dynasty's King's Bounty (Mr. Rosa) 2
Mr. Chan Tin Son's Vaylock (Mr. Harriman) 3
Also ran:—Fortune Bny (Mr. Stewart).
Won by two lengths and a half; many lengths between second and third.
Time: 1 min. 25.1-5 secs. (record).
Pari-mutuel:—
Winner: \$5.40.
Places: 1st \$2.10; 2nd \$5.30.

Betting. Winner. Place.
King's Bounty 300 400
Fortune Bay 71 83
Apollo 2,610 1,371
Vaylock 128 103

10.—Big Bay Handicap: 1 1/2 Miles.

For China ponies "C" and "D" Classes. Top weight not to exceed 135 lbs. Entrance fee \$5. 1st prize \$400; 2nd prize \$200; 3rd prize \$100.
Messrs. Kong Bros. Morning Star (Mr. Ip Kui Ying) 1
Mr. Botelho's Mindoro (Mr. Soares) 2
Messrs. Hall and Shenton's The Phasant (Mr. Frost) 3
Also ran:—Duke of Brittany (Mr. Pan); Good Day (Mr. Lo); Mount Elburz (Mr. Proulx); Happy Day (Mr. Fung); Edenbridge (Mr. Laing); City Hall (Mr. Bramwell); Misamis (Mr. A. A. Botelho); Mongolian Stag (Mr. Heard); Blue Boy (Mr. H. A. Botelho); Tay (Mr. W. Roza); Tango (Mr. Harriman); Piccy (Mr. Roza); Yankee (Mr. King); Country Club (Mr. Stewart); As You Like It (Mr. Laing); Tigre (Mr. Butler).
Won by a head; half a length between second and third.
Time: 3 mins. 42.3-5 secs.
Pari-mutuel:—
Winner: \$275.80.
Places: 1st \$44.10; 2nd \$10.20; 3rd \$9.10.

Betting. Winner. Place.
Duke of Brittany 344 462
Morning Stag 67 102
Good Day 30 54
Mount Elburz 204 497
Mindoro 327 283
Happ Day 23 71
Edenbridge 186 103
City Hall 96 135
Misamis 44 44
Mongolian Stag 318 632
Blue Boy 6 5
Tay 16 32
Tango 245 312
Piccy 281 205
Yankee 2 8
Country Club 7 11
The Phasant 1,280 1,293
As You Like It 3 4
Tigre 7 11

11.—Mrs Bay Handicap: First Division: One Mile.

For China ponies "B" Class. Top weight not to exceed 101 lbs. Entrance fee \$5. 1st prize \$450; 2nd prize \$250; 3rd prize \$150.
Mr. Chan Tin Son's Wonderful Stag (Mr. Frost) 1
Mr. Eve's Daylight Eve (Mr. Charles) 2
Mr. Dunbar's Cyclamen Bay (Mr. Heard) 3
Also ran:—O-Moon (Mr. Roza); Sanction (Mr. Keith-Murray); Pickle (Mr. Fung); Majestic Hall (Mr. Harriman); Valorous (Mr. Reid); Little Beaver (Mr. Proulx); Poppercorn (Mr. Botelho).
Won by half a length; half a length between second and third.
Time: 2 mins. 4.1-5 secs.
Pari-mutuel:—
Winner: \$18.50.
Places: 1st \$6.30; 2nd \$20.70; 3rd \$6.80.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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THE BATHING BEACHES.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG DAILY PRESS."]

SIR,—With reference to the Government's decision regarding bathing beaches this summer, I think it is indeed hard on the public that their chief means of getting a "dip" should be denied them. The bathing beach in Kennedy Town may be all very well for the small number of people who used it in the past, but speaking from experience, I think it is a most unsatisfactory one in that one risks losing articles of clothing and property (there have been many cases of petty thefts there), the beach is covered with stones and, bar-nacles, and the place, in fact, is very inaccessible. The beach line

not proved a success in the past, and it will not attract a great many swimmers this summer, even if there are no other public beaches. But turning to the other beaches, the popularity of Repulse Bay, Taiwan Bay and North Bay needs no emphasis. Indeed most people using those places know what it is to be turned away because there was no accommodation for the late arrival, and by late arrival, I mean those who knock off from the office in town at 5 p.m. and make straight for the beach. The numbers of bathers using Taiwan and North Point ran into thousands last year and it is difficult to understand when it is said that there had not been sufficient support to warrant the erection of these sheds again. With the growing popularity of this great summer pastime, one had hopes that the Government would make provisions for night-bathing as well. I now appeal to the powers that be, and I feel confident I am voicing the sentiments of hundreds, nay, thousands of the public, to reverse their decision and make the same provisions, if not more elaborate ones, for bathing beaches this summer, as they did last. Yours, etc., FISH-OUT-OF-WATER. Hong Kong, April 6.

FATAL MOTOR SMASH.

EUROPEAN LADY SUCUMB TO INJURIES.

COMPANION ESCAPES WITH MINOR BRUISES.

A serious motor accident which resulted in the death, after admission to hospital, of a very popular member of the Colony's younger set, Miss Agnes Armstrong McNellie, occurred in Sassoon Road, Pokfulam, shortly after 4 p.m. yesterday.

Details of the accident were not available up to a late hour last night, but we learn that the young lady was at the time in a private Ford car with Mr. A. E. Himsforth, of 12, Peak Mansions. It is not known, however, who was at the wheel at the time of the smash. It appears that for some unknown reason the car plunged some sixty feet over the bank, throwing both occupants out.

Miss McNellie was picked up in an unconscious state and rushed to the Government Civil Hospital where she passed away shortly after admission. It is understood that she died of internal injuries.

The lady was in the employ of the Asiatic Petroleum Company (Hong Kong Accounts Department) and was only 24 years of age. She lived at 15, Stanley Terrace, Quarry Bay, and her death will be mourned by a great number of friends. It is presumed that the funeral will take place this evening.

Mr. Himsforth was fortunate in that he received only minor injuries and enquiries made at a late hour last night elicited the news that his condition was not regarded as serious.

CANTON SPRING RACES.

BLUE HEAVEN WINS THE DERBY.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

CANTON, April 6.

Yesterday's spring races of the Canton Riding Association at the racetrack at Shekpi, of which a partial report appeared in these columns yesterday, were considered a big success, both from the standpoint of horsemanship and attendance. Owing to the rain which set in during the latter part of the races, only six of the eight events scheduled were run. The final remaining results were as follows:—Fifth race, the Canton Derby, 7 furlongs, for ponies which had never started in a race under the rules of the Canton Ride, catch weight, 135—1, Mr. J. J. Palmer's Blue Heaven (owner); 2, Mr. K. Neckelman's Naughty Boy (owner); 3, Mr. Jomike's Bulgarian (Miss Hayward).

Sixth race, Circus Stakes, 7 furlongs, for ponies over 14 hands and horses—1, Mr. Q. Hard's Lion (owner); 2, Mr. Lo Ming Wan's Knightbridge (owner); 3, H.E. General Chen Ming Shu's Duke of St. Cloud.

The official starter was Mr. Ferguson, and Mr. Chan Mau Kung acted as clerk of the course. The following acted as judges: General Chen Ming Shu, General Au Yang Kui, Admiral Chen Chak, Mr. H. Lehmann and Mr. A. Hoffmeister. The number of spectators present exceeded 10,000, mostly Chinese. Practically all the members of the Consular Body in Canton and other prominent foreigners were present. The betting on each event was especially brisk.

JAPANESE ROYALTY AT PALACE.

GUESTS OF THEIR MAJESTIES AT LUNCHEON.

London, March 23.—Prince and Princess Takamatsu of Japan, today were entertained at luncheon at Buckingham Palace by King George and Queen Mary. After chatting with Their Majesties the Imperial Japanese prepared to spend a quiet weekend. They will motor over the English countryside tomorrow to greet the first signs of spring. Prior to proceeding to Buckingham Palace today, Prince Takamatsu spent the morning on a shopping expedition which took her to many of London's smartest shops.

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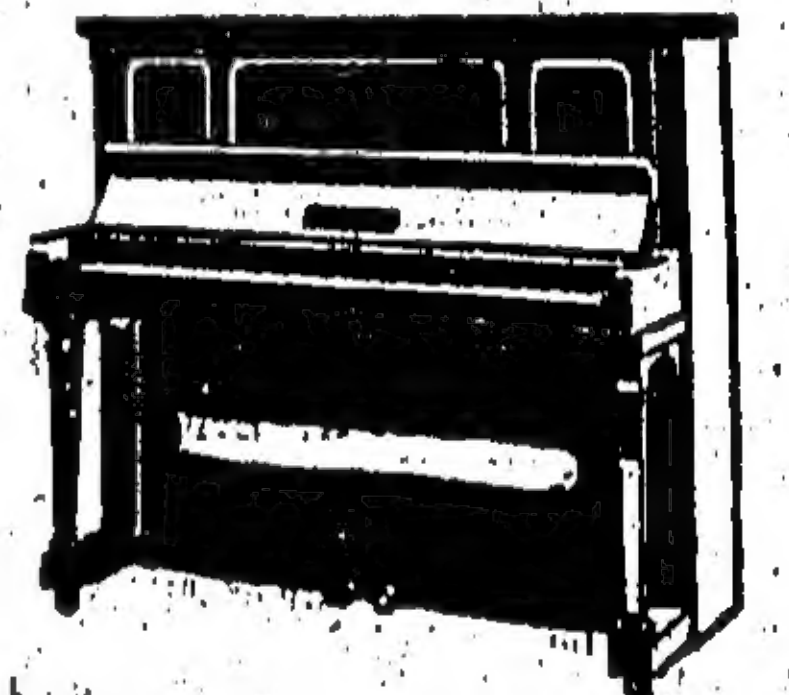
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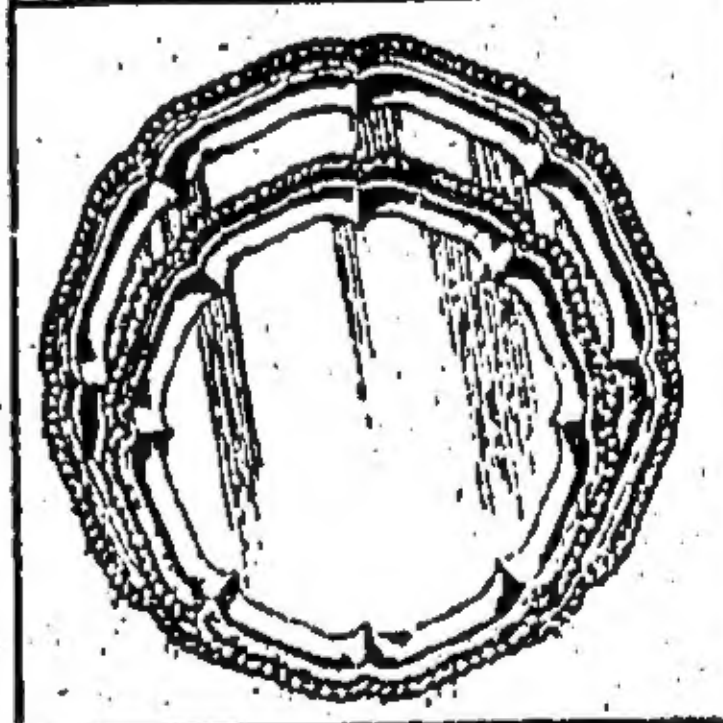
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HONG KONG FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

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W. E. HOLLANDS,
Hon. Secretary.
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CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN & MORTGAGE CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that DIVIDEND WARRANTS will be available on APRIL 7th 1931, and may be obtained on application by Shareholders in person or in writing at the Registered Offices of the Company, 178, CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST.
By Order of the Board,
D. L. KING,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 1st April, 1931. [563]

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C. J. ENDERT,
Manager.
Hong Kong, 30th March, 1931. [561]

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BENJAMIN & POTTS,
Dated the 1st of April, 1931. [555]

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that we have TO-DAY admitted Mr. SHI YU MAN as a partner in our Firm.

BENJAMIN & POTTS,
Dated the 1st of April, 1931. [556]

NOTICE.

I HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that I have retired from the Firm of Messrs. BENJAMIN & POTTS as from the 31st DAY OF MARCH, 1931, and have opened offices at Exchange Building, where I am carrying on business as a Stock and Share Broker as from the date hereof under the style or firm name of "CROUCHER & CO."

N. V. A. CROUCHER,
Dated the 1st of April, 1931. [557]

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WEATHER REPORT.

Yesterday's weather report, forecast and remarks, issued by the Royal Observatory at 5.35 p.m., stated:—

The depression is moving north-eastwards across Hokkaido. The anti-cyclone continues to weaken.
Local Forecast:—E. winds, fresh to moderate; cloudy; some drizzle or light rain.

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THE BATHING BEACHES.

It would be interesting to know who advised the Honourable the Colonial Secretary that the bathing beaches at Taiwan and North Point were so ill-served by the public that there was no need to maintain them during the coming season. The argument about bathing clubs and provision by caterers being sufficient for the Colony's needs in this matter is as helpful as saying that the trams and buses should be abolished because most people, nowadays, have private cars. No one expects the senior members of the Government to play the rôle of Haroun al Raschid and to mingle in disguise with those who use the public bathing sheds. But we do expect them to make full and satisfactory enquiry before taking a step of no little importance to the health of a large number of people during the trying summer months. The facts, as far as we are able to gather them from enquiry, and from correspondents, such as the Rev. E. A. ARMSTRONG, whose letter we published yesterday, are that these beaches, particularly that at North Point and Taiwan, have always been most extensively used on holidays and in the evenings by men, women and children of all nationalities. North Point was the bathing beach for the Portuguese community in the Happy Valley district, for many Chinese and Indian people and for quite a number of soldiers from the Wellington Barracks. At Taiwan, English, Chinese, Filipinos and Portuguese crowded the huts, especially when the tide was favourable during the evening. There was a shelter of sorts and large numbers of English children, from all parts of Kowloon, spent whole days playing on the sands. It was not an ideal beach; often the water was dirty and the enclosure so full that it was impossible to swim in comfort. But still, it was safe, and people could get their dip.

We are quite sure that of all this the higher officials knew nothing. They realised there was a beach at Taiwan, but the convenience of the kind of people who used it did not enter into consideration when it became a question of sale negotiations. It is strange that the members of the Government can be blind over this matter. Do they really think that bathing is a need only of those who can afford private mansions or membership of clubs? Do they not realise that in tropical heat everyone wants to bathe, and that the bathing habit is inculcated in their own schools? There seems no realisation in official circles that Kowloon is a huge modern town, that the Causeway Bay district is also developing, and that both these areas should be provided with the proper amenities of up-to-date cities. The mentality that allowed the Kowloon-Canton Railway to blot out what could have been one of the finest sea fronts in the East is evident once more in the matter of bathing facilities. People want to bathe—and, no doubt the official reply is, "Do they! How interesting. We have no evidence of it and it is not a Government concern." But it is a

Government concern, because one department or another controls the whole of the foreshore. The Government has a complete power of veto on all the bathing facilities open to a large proportion of the population, and it is now exercising that veto.

There are difficulties it is true in providing bathing places, the major ones being that the harbour is dirty, and that sites are few. But good bathing beaches could be made, and transport services arranged to serve them; and such enterprise would pay in the hands of an energetic firm. The Government of Hong Kong can do very wonderful things when it likes to try, but it can also be blind and obstructive in certain directions connected with the general welfare and credit to the Colony. No one suggests that expensive schemes should be put in hand at the present moment, but the meagre amenities which are allowed in developing districts should be maintained, and some consideration should be paid to future needs, even if a little windfall has to be sacrificed.

EFFICIENCY.

In Old Testament times a numbering of the people was a rash and impious undertaking—a point of which we are invariably reminded every time a census comes round. In modern days it is rather an opportunity for serving the later dictates of system and routine, as is shown by the fact that according to a Home paper one of the prize exhibits at the Business Efficiency Exhibition at the Business City, London, is an elaborate machine for dealing with the census returns. With the aid of this instrument "hundreds of intricate tables" will be prepared "merely" by running punched cards, representing every individual in the country, through the machine. Perhaps that is the kind of thing which the better sort of Israelites foresaw when they objected to a numbering of the people—they may have feared that it would reduce the citizen to a punched card whose purpose was to be pushed through a machine. The proudest and the poorest are all equally abased before the conquering cog-wheels; the individual is not even a number, but only a slip of punched pasteboard, which might mean a peer, a poet, or a pastrycook.

However, if that is what happens to him in the course of a census, the incident is only emblematical of the daily life. The Robots are his rulers, and more and more of them arrive. This Business Efficiency Exhibition was full of them, from the "latest dictating machine" which refuses to make mistakes (does this mean that it will correct the dictator's grammar) to machines for addressing envelopes which select the required lists and allow the other stenils to slip by without leaving their imprint. These things represent man's workaday world and when, in an up-to-date city, he looks for distraction it is automatic signals which control his ear through the traffic as he drives, perhaps, to a racecourse, where he will bet by machinery on the totalisator. We find only one hint of the inefficient human instrument in the details which are given of this exhibition—the mention of a "desk with two tops, so that when the lower surface is crowded the upper one can be pulled into position above it." For that cautious "crowded," substitute a truthful "untidy"—and at last we seem to be out of the clutch of the machine and back in the hopeful atmosphere of a healthy, human disorder.

Australian Gold Discovery.

The discovery of the Larkinsville gold nugget, the "Golden Eagle," at Perth has drawn wide attention to the possibilities of unexploited gold resources in Western Australia. An exodus of goldseekers from Kalgoorlie and other mining centres has created scenes reminiscent of the early days when Bayley and Hannan discovered alluvial gold at Kurnalpi. The Larkinsville nugget weighed 1,135oz., and was found 18in. below the surface of the ground.

Economy's Greatest Triumph!

Dr. Schipper and Mme. Olaszewska, two singers of the Vienna Opera House, have decided to divorce for economy's sake. They will pay far less income-tax when separately assessed.

The Inquisition.

Mr. Russell Van Sickle, head of a large printing firm in Detroit, has been found hanging in his study. The floor was littered with income-tax forms, and a half-completed form lay on his desk.

"Tubby," Clayton's Appeal.

The Rev. P. B. "Tubby" Clayton, founder of the Empire Society in London, said that many people were making a great mistake in not having greater faith in the younger generation. "We tend," he said, "rather to slam the door in the faces of the younger generation; to fear rather than trust them. But we, in too H. try to understand their ways. If you want to deal with the younger generation to-day you cannot deal with it any longer by a system of negatives. You cannot wrap them up in cotton wool, the cotton wool will simply catch fire." Viscount Goschen said he believed that too H. was one of the most wonderful movements of the present day. It stood for courage, science, and brotherhood.

Crime in U.S.A.

A general decrease in crime in 1,000 cities during January, as compared with December, has been reported by the bureau of investigation of the Department of Justice. In a monthly bulletin, prepared under supervision of the director, J. Edgar Hoover, the average number of crimes committed daily in these cities was given as 1884 for December and 1711 in January. The number of homicides reported daily decreased from an average of slightly more than eight to slightly less than eight, and the daily average of cases of manslaughter by negligence dropped from less than seven to less than five. The number of cases of criminal assault reported, however, averaged more than one each day above December. All other categories, listed under "offences known to the police," decreased materially.

Moscow Dismissals.

Despite the serious shortage of workers and charges of forced labour, authorities have announced that through a special "cleaning" process some 138,000 Government public employees in the Soviet Union have been dismissed from service. It was stated more than 123,000 persons have been thoroughly examined and "cleaned." Numerous others were transferred to different jobs, where it was believed they were better fitted and many were demoted for lack of skill. A large percentage were dismissed outright. The principal causes of the dismissals were described as "distortion of the government policy, bureaucracy and incompetence." In Moscow, along with the "cleaning," authorities already have completed examination of 40 central departments of the Government employing 31,000 persons. Two hundred and fifty offices, employing 74,000, still remain to be investigated.

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★ News and Views ★

Youth and Age.

The following example of hereditary old age is mentioned in the "British Medical Journal." "On July 31, 1854, Cardinal Armagnac found a man of 81 crying in the street. On inquiry the Cardinal was informed that the old man's father, aged 113 years, had whipped him for failing to salute, when they met, his grandfather, aged 143 years." The incident has been brought to light by the research of a French doctor aged 90 years.

Success and Failure.

Forty years ago Henry Bond and Frederick Shaw became apprentices in the same drapery business. Henry Bond died in a common lodging-house last month; Frederick Shaw, giving evidence at the inquest on Bond said that he (Shaw) was now a partner in the firm. He had helped his old workmate by giving him buttons and studs each week to sell in the streets. A verdict of Death from Natural Causes was returned.

Orage for Odd Pets.

Animal pets are in demand more than ever, says an eminent home authority. "There is a steady sale," he declares, "for leopard, lion and cubs. An elderly lady I know has allowed her bear cub to grow up with her, although most owners sell this kind of pet when it reaches maturity. To-day it romps in the house like a big dog. Tortoises are gaining in popularity. There is one great mistake that people make about these creatures: it is generally believed that one can stand on the back of a tortoise without injuring it. This is not so. Monkeys, too, are being adopted as pets on a much wider scale. They are so intelligent and so amusing that more and more parents are allowing their children to keep a pet monkey in the house."

Toronto's Progress.

The second annual report of the Toronto Industrial Commission, says that the coming of so many new industries to Toronto in 1930, and the rapid progress that many of them had already made, might be regarded not only as encouraging but as remarkable. "Canada," said the report, "is one of the few countries in the world, where such developments are occurring at the present time." The report showed that thirty new industrial firms of outside origin came to the Toronto area in the year 1930. In the great majority of cases these new firms represented parent companies of large resources. The movement is still at its height. The Commission said that there were in its prospect files 160 British, United States and European firms which have informed the Commission they are definitely considering the establishment of a Canadian plant, and with which the Commission, its officials and its industrial engineering department are in contact.

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Mr. O. T. Simpson has made a report to the police to the effect that his motor-car was destroyed by fire in the Shek O Road on Saturday night. Mr. Simpson states that he was returning to town when he had occasion to stop, his lights having gone wrong and when he opened the bonnet of the car, it burst into flames.

A Chinese from Pokfulam village was slightly injured in the head by a shot from a gun while he was vermining at a tomb on the hillside at Kai Lung Wai on Sunday. It was later ascertained that Kong Ling-of-the-Tang-Lee-Ship Building Company, who holds a game licence, had been out shooting in the vicinity and that the villager had been hit by a stray pellet.

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and J. Beauzills (Engineer Company). Against these there are six resignations:—Gunnors L. E. Lammer, H. J. Haslett, W. G. Goggin, H. G. Kennett, J. A. Griffiths, and Sapper J. G. Milne.—Hong Kong Daily Press, April 7, 1931.

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JAPANESE MARINE SHOOT CHINESE.**COMPENSATION AND FULL APOLOGY DEMANDED.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

HANKOW, April 6. A Chinese farmer was wounded by a Japanese Marine on Wednesday and died in hospital on Thursday, resulting in a strong anti-Japanese agitation.

The vernacular papers state that the death of the Chinese farmer was not disclosed until Saturday, when the Japanese Consul called on the Mayor to explain the incident.

The Chinese are demanding the punishment of the culprit, compensation for the deceased's family and a full apology.

The Japanese Marine was practising with his rifle in barracks when one of the bullets was fired which struck the Chinese.

REDS EXECUTED AT TSINAN.**TWENTY-TWO INCLUDING A WOMAN.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, April 6. A message from Tsinan states that 22 Communists, including a woman, were executed there yesterday.

COSTS OF PRODUCTION IN BRITAIN.**WAGES MUST BE CUT OR TARIFFS APPLIED.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, April 5. Quite a stir was caused by the declaration of Mr. Alexander, First Lord of the Admiralty, that the Economic Advisory Council had informed the Government that wages must be cut or tariffs applied to goods the workers consume.

Mr. Citrine, General Secretary of the T.U.C., who is on the Economic Council, promptly denied that the Council had so advised, and added that the Labourites thereon would never recommend wage cuts.

Mr. Alexander himself later explained he did not wish to intimate that the Council presented its report in the above sense, but he was of the opinion that there was a widespread feeling among economists and industrialists that the costs of production were too high and that the standard of living must be reduced by either wage cuts or tariffs.

RUPERT BROOKE MEMORIAL.**STATUE UNVEILED ON A GREEK ISLAND.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

ISLAND OF SKYROS, April 5. The entire population, picturesquely dressed in native costume, turned out at dawn to meet the steamer bringing M. Venizelos, the Greek Foreign Minister, the British Minister in Athens, and a number of writers of international distinction who attended the impressive ceremony of the unveiling of a memorial to the poet Rupert Brooke, in the form of a nude figure of the poet, inscribed in Greek and English to "A noble friend of Greece and immortal poetry."

It is the work of the Greek sculptor, Michel Tombros, and was erected through the efforts of an international committee comprising 200 European and American literary men.

[Skyros is an island belonging to Greece, and is in the Sporades group, to the east of Euboea. The population is 4,000.]

HIS MAJESTY UNWELL.**SUFFERING FROM A SLIGHT COLD.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, April 5. H.M. the King is suffering from a slight cold and though not confined to bed is, as a precaution, keeping to his room in Windsor Castle.

His Majesty was unable to attend divine service, but carried out a certain amount of official business.

N.Y.K.-O.S.K. AGREEMENT.**MINIMISING COMPETITION ON CERTAIN ROUTES.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

TOKYO, April 6. A ten-years' agreement between the Nippon Yusen Kaisha and the Osaka Shosen Kaisha has been signed.

Among other things, the agreement provides for spheres of influence along certain routes, the Nippon Yusen Kaisha operating the Puget Sound run and the Osaka Shosen Kaisha monopolising the eastern coast of South America.

A telegram from Osaka dated March 27 stated that two of the largest Japanese shipping companies, the Nippon Yusen Kaisha and the Osaka Shosen Kaisha, controlling more than 200 steamers aggregating almost 1,500,000 tons, had issued a statement announcing that they had jointly entered into an agreement with the object of minimising competition on overseas trade routes.

PRINCES IN RIO DE JANEIRO.**RETURN FROM SAO PAULO.**

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

RIO DE JANEIRO, April 5. The Prince of Wales and Prince George arrived here to-day on their return from a trip to the States of Sao Paulo and Minas Gerais and were received by a representative of President Vargas and his Ministers.

U.S. STRATEGY DEMANDS BATTLESHIPS.**QUESTION OF TONNAGES AND CALIBRES.**

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, April 5. Admiral Pratt, Chief of Naval Operations, indicated to-day that the Navy Department were carefully considering the question of tonnages and gun calibres.

It is gathered unofficially that the Navy Department still considers that battleships of 35,000 tons are essential for American strategy, owing to the combination of striking power and great cruising radius.

WORLD TRADE DEPRESSION.**LOW PRICE OF SILVER NOT THE CAUSE.**

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

New York, April 5. The drop in silver is not among the important causes of the world depression, according to the bankers G. M. P. Murphy & Company, who suggest that a rise in price might cause China more hardship than had resulted from the drastic decline.

Denial by White House. WASHINGTON, April 5. In connection with Mr. Arentz's statement, officials at the White House categorically deny that President Hoover intends to summon a conference of administration officials, as he feels that the United States has little interest in the problem apart from its bearing on world trade.

REPEAL OF DECREE DEMANDED.**GERMAN NATIONAL SOCIALISTS AND NEW ORDER.**

Berlin, March 30.—The immediate repeal of the Presidential decree temporarily suspending certain constitutional liberties, the freedom of the Press and of political meetings, the former especially intended to curb the excesses of political hooliganism, was demanded by a joint conference at Nuernberg of the leaders of the National Socialists and of the German National People's Party.

The manifesto issued by them asserts that the decree was primarily directed against the forthcoming plebiscite for the dissolution of the Prussian Diet which is being promoted by the Right Radical organization "Stechhelm" and demands that the Reichstag be immediately convened to debate and decide on the Presidential decree. The manifesto ends with an appeal to the President to part with his present advisors and to lend an ear "to those who elected him to office."

JAPAN OBSERVES LONDON PACT.**EIGHT THOUSAND DOCK WORKERS DISCHARGED.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

TOKYO, April 6. Eight thousand two hundred naval dockyard workers were discharged this morning as a result of the London Naval Treaty.

The main naval ports affected are Kure, Yokosuka and Sasebo. Generous discharge allowances averaging Yen 765 have been granted to those discharged.

HONOUR FOR NAVAL DELEGATES.**MR. WAKATSUKI MAY BE MEMBER OF PEERAGE.**

TOKYO, March 30.—Informed circles here to-day predicted that Mr. Reijiro Wakatsuki, the chief of the Japanese delegation to the London Naval Limitations Conference of 1930, will be elevated to the peerage in recognition of his work in aiding in the negotiation of the London Naval Treaty.

As the Foreign Office prepared to recommend rewards for the members of the Japanese delegation to London last year there were indications that Mr. Wakatsuki may be made a Baron and that Admiral Hata Takarabe and Mr. Tameo Matsudaira, Japanese Ambassadors to the Court of St. James, will receive the Grand Cordon of the Rising Sun.

ANGLO-RUSSIAN RELATIONS.**SPEECH BY PREMIER OF U.S.S.R.**

Riga (Latvia), March 9.—To-day Molotov, Stalin's nominee to the post of President of the Council of Commissars (Prime Minister) in succession to Rykoff, continued his long political speech to the All-Union Congress of Soviets.

In the course of the speech Molotov reviewed Soviet relations with Great Britain. He referred with satisfaction to the Mixed Commission in London to consider the claims of the two countries against each other. He said that it was necessary to follow closely the efforts of influential circles in the Conservative Party to destroy Anglo-Soviet relations.

Speaking of the economic situation in the U.S.S.R., Molotov referred to the unsatisfactory condition of transport, and quoted as an instance the southern railways, on which 10 per cent. of the railway engines are in need of repair, and to which it has been necessary to send a special commission of inquiry from Moscow.

Coal production, Molotov said, was unsatisfactory in that only two-thirds of the Plan had been fulfilled. Everything possible had been done, he said, to mechanise coal production, but 20 to 45 per cent. of the new machines still remained unused. The Dnieprostroi ("immense electrical works and canals at the Dniester Rapids) and other great Soviet undertakings were being successfully carried on with the help of foreign experts.

The most vital need of the Soviets now, he said, was for technical mastery.

Class War. Molotov quoted Lenin freely throughout his speech, and in mentioning the recent trials of alleged anti-Soviet organisations, laid stress on the necessity of the class war. He concluded his speech by saying that the whole world was divided into capitalists and socialists.

During certain periods in history, he said, the two systems might exist side by side. "Let the capitalist world," he said, "make its own deductions and we shall make ours. Our resolution is to redouble the struggle for Communism as taught by Marx, Engels, and Lenin."

Taking all in all, Molotov declared, the Soviet's international position was stronger than it had been. "Those who dare to disturb the peace and attack the Soviet Union will be the first to suffer," he said.

KING AND QUEEN OF SIAM.**ENTHUSIASTIC WELCOME IN JAPAN.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

TOKYO, April 6. A salute of 21 guns at daylight and rockets greeted Their Majesties the King and Queen of Siam on their arrival at Kobe at seven o'clock this morning.

All the ships in harbour were gaily dressed. An official reception committee boarded the liner Empress of Japan and accompanied Their Majesties to Tokyo.

BOY'S FIGHT WITH MAD DOG.**SAVES HIS PLAYMATES FROM BEING BITTEN.**

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

SHANGHAI, April 6. Although himself bitten, Master Moses Jacob struggled valiantly with a mad dog in French Town and held the animal till the latter was overpowered, thus preventing a rabid creature from injuring his playmates, with the exception of a small girl, who was the first victim of the dog's attack.

Master Jacob plunged headlong and grasped the animal's throat.

Master Jacob is prefect of a public school, and his presence of mind averted wholesale injuries.

ALL-INDIA MOSLEM CONFERENCE.**DECLARATION BY PRESIDENT.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

New DELHI, April 5. "The British are willing to accept 80 per cent. of India's demand forthwith," declared Mr. Shaikat Ali, presiding over the All-India Moslem Conference.

He hoped that the Hindus would now accept the Moslems' demands.

"Let the Indian States and Hindus and Moslems put their hands together and present a united demand to the British people," he urged.

The Begum Mohamed Ali, chairwoman of the Reception Committee, appealed to Moslem women to discard the veil and enter public life.

The Viceroy later called an informal conference of prominent Moslem leaders who are now in Delhi.

The "conversations" were private and lasted for 90 minutes.

Civil War Danger.

LATER. The Moslem Conference has passed a resolution with regard to the recent communal riots, deploring the "wanton aggressiveness" of the Hindus, declaring that a continuance thereof will lead to civil war, and warning the Governments of England and India that the spineless handling of the situation by "continued pandering" to Congress will lead to the complete ruin of India.

Supporters of the resolution, in the course of their speeches, expressed themselves very strongly.

Mr. Shaikat Ali deprecated a spirit of revenge, and said that wherever the Moslems felt forced to fight they must not lay hands on women, children, old men or temples.

Indian States Attacked.

The mover of a resolution, which was passed, demanding separate electorates and 33 per cent. representation on the Federal Legislature, declared that the Indian States delegation to the Round Table Conference conspired to join the Federation in order to "down" Moslem India, whose only safeguard was to have some provinces where they could live in peace and safety.

They could not tolerate the Army being in charge of a Hindu Central Government. If Congress won power by fighting the British, the Moslems would fight Congress.

INDIAN RELATIONS WITH FOREIGN STATES.**PUBLICATION OF UNFRIENDLY STATEMENTS ORDINANCE.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

New DELHI, April 6. The publication of statements likely to promote unfriendly relations between the Indian Government and foreign States will henceforth be punished up to two years' imprisonment or a fine, or both, under a new Ordinance.

OBITUARY.**COL. LOUDON GORDON.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, April 5. The death occurred to-day of Colonel Loudon Gordon, who was formerly Commander of the Shanghai Volunteers.

SHANGHAI BOY SCOUTS.**SPLENDID MUSTER AT JAMBOREE.**

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

SHANGHAI, April 6. There was a splendid muster at the Boy Scout Jamboree.

The Jewish troop again won the Rotary Club Shield and also a trophy presented for international competition by the Shanghai City Council. The Chinese Boy Scouts and the Jewish Wolf Cubs won the Fraser Shield.

GERMAN ARMY STRENGTH.**FRENCH STATEMENTS RESENTED.**

Berlin, March 9.—The Reichswahr Minister, General Groener, introduced to-day the budget of his ministry in the Reichstag and took the occasion to reply to M. Maginot in the French Chamber.

The latter's statements in the French Chamber that France has already disarmed, that Germany is still a military Power to be feared, and that Germany as the aggressor in the last war must accept permanent inferiority in armaments, have produced remarkable unanimity in German opinion which should assist the Government in piloting the military credits through the Reichstag, rendered less by the desertion of the Nationalists.

Since Herr Groener's remarks represent the convictions of the overwhelming majority of Germans, and foreshadow the point of view of German delegates to the Disarmament Conference they are important.

The thesis that Germany bore the exclusive responsibility for the war had been exploded by international historical research, he said, and Germany had nothing to fear from the re-examination of this question by an objective international committee such as had always been asked for by her Government.

Germany had fulfilled the disarmament clauses of the treaty as the Inter-Allied Commission had certified. Not only were the police in no way dependent on the Reichswehr and their organisation, in accordance with the guarantees for their civil character demanded by the Inter-Allied Commission, but M. Maginot's figures were incorrect.

The police force numbered 105,000, not 150,000. Of these men, only 32,000 were in barracks. The armed customs guard did not number 32,000 men.

French Armaments.

France, on the other hand, General Groener declared, had not disarmed, but only reorganised her armaments on modern lines. Three hundred and twenty thousand men, the Minister stated, served more than one year in her army; office work had been taken over by 30,000 civilians.

Did France's thousands of tanks, aeroplanes and guns, and ten thousands of machine-guns speak of disarmament, the German Reichswahr Minister asked. The number of divisions in peace time had been reduced, but the number of Generals and Staff officers had been increased by 50 per cent., as compared with 1914. France's military expenditure had also greatly increased since the war, and now reached the figure of 18.2 milliards of francs (£130,000,000).

France, General Groener continued, had not begun to disarm, and still possessed in her army the strongest instrument of war in the world.

Socialist speakers who followed criticised the amount of the military budget, but supported the Minister in his reply to M. Maginot. Those who accuse Germany of having secret armaments must say where they were, how they were concealed and paid for, was the tenor of their remarks.

SCHNEIDER CUP CONTEST.**AMAZING SPEED EXPECTED FROM BRITISH SEAPLANES.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, April 5. A speed of over 400 miles an hour is expected to be achieved, according to the *Morning Post*, by the two new supermarine seaplanes fitted with Rolls-Royce engines, which will be used by the British team in the Schneider Cup contest, and in a dive they will very probably exceed 500 miles an hour, compared with the present world record of 337 miles an hour.

FRANCO-ITALIAN NAVAL TREATY.**DIFFERENCES OF OPINION ARISE.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, April 5. Telegrams from Paris indicate that differences of opinion have arisen between the French and Italian Governments over the drawing up of the proposed Naval Agreement.

The French are reported to desire to continue their obsolete vessels, particularly cruisers and destroyers, between 1933 and the Naval Disarmament Conference to be held in 1935 in order to keep intact the margin over the Italian naval forces, while the Italian Government is of the opinion that there should be no replacements during this period in order to leave the 1935 Conference a free hand.

MAYOR'S REFUSAL TO PAY RATES.**COUNCIL FAVOUR SUMMONS.**

ROCHFORD (Essex).—The Rural Council favoured the issue of a summons against Alderman Albert Martin, Mayor of Southend, in respect of the rates of a grocer's shop owned by him at Hockley, but in order that the council should not take what was, in the opinion of Mr. Harold Rankin, chairman of the council, an undignified action, the chairman paid the rates himself.

It was stated that the letter containing a cheque for the rates, minus discount, was wrongly addressed, and bore a late postmark, and consequently did not arrive in the time stipulated for discount allowance.

The rating committee recommended that the request for the allowance of the discount, which amounted to 8s. 4d., be granted, but this found only two supporters on the council.

Mr. Rankin said he had written personally to Alderman Martin, but he declined to pay.

Alderman Martin last year gave £3,000 to Southend's new hospital scheme, and is reported to be one of Southend's wealthiest men.

Alderman Martin stated: "I had no idea that the matter had gone so far as to be discussed by the Finance Committee. As a matter of fact, the cheque was drawn and posted two days before the date due for discount. All this is some months' old, but I remember the clerk rang me up and threatened to take proceedings for the discount which I had deducted from the amount before posting the cheque. I told them to get on with it."

NEW SOUTH WALES POLICY.**FURTHER PERIOD OF SOCIALISM.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SYDNEY, April 6. The Easter Conference in New South Wales, after yesterday adopting a "Three Year Plan" on the drastic lines of the Soviet Five-Year Plan by 57 votes to 44, to-day reversed its decision by 65 votes to 33 as a result of extensive lobbying, and adopted Premier Lang's motion in favour of a further period of socialistic policy.

TENSION ON THE ADRIATIC.**JUGO-SLAV BISHOP RETURNS ITALIAN ORDER.**

Belgian, March 30.—The tension between Italy and Jugoslavia continues and was further stiffened by an open letter sent to Signor Mussolini by the Prince Bishop of Dubach, Jeglich, who was recently deported by the Italian authorities. In this letter the Prince Bishop announces that he was returning the high Italian order awarded to him for services rendered in connection with the repatriation of Italian war-prisoners from Slovenia. As long as he is not considered worthy to tread Italian soil he cannot, reconcile it with his dignity to wear an Italian order.

TELEPHONE LINK-UP ACROSS WORLD.**CONVERSATION BETWEEN NEW YORK AND JAVA.**

New York, March 30.—Regular radio-telephone service between United States and Java will be inaugurated to-morrow, it was announced here to-day by officials of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, the International Telephone and Telegraph Company and the Radio Corporation of America.

The telephone circuits to Java will operate to New York and thence by radiophones across the Atlantic ocean to London. From London the conversations will be relayed by cable to Amsterdam.

A shortwave radiophone circuit will operate on the relay from Amsterdam to Java.

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Sports News

JUNIOR CRICKET NOTES.

THE SEASON REVIEWED.

(By "L. B. W.")

With the championship decided, interest in second division cricket will be centred chiefly on friendly matches, which I think, are invariably more enjoyable than the league affairs. There are quite a few matches yet to be decided but the results of these will in no way have any bearing on the league.

In previous seasons, there was a Champions' Test. The last match but I have not heard whether there will be any such fixture this year. If it comes off, the Indians will have to reckon with a very strong lot. My eleven would be—G. E. R. Divett (Club), F. E. Skinner (Kowloon), M. Mackay (Kowloon; wicket-keeper), H. A. Alves (Rogers), L. J. Fry (R.A.S.C.), C. E. Alexander (Police), Sig. Williams (R.C.S.), H. Nomanbhoy (University), J. W. Leonard (Craigavon), F. E. Matthews (Civil Service), and Col. Skinner (R.E.; Captain). This would be a very strong team. The hunt of the attack would rest on Divett, Skinner, Alves, Fry and Williams, while they would have to be guarded by Nomanbhoy and Alexander as change bowlers. In the batting line, they would be well served by Skinner, Mackay, Alves, Divett, Fry and Matthews, all very reliable bats, while the rest of the team could well be depended on to do their share in case of emergency.

Four Strong Teams.

Going back over the season, four teams started out full of hope of winning the shield. They were Hong Kong Cricket Club (holders for 1929-30), Kowloon Cricket Club, Club du Revoir and Indian Recreation Club. The H.K.C.C. and Revoir met with reverses early in the season, both at the hands of the Indians, while the Sookunpo team, with Kowloon, were going great guns until the latter met H.K.C.C. in a drawn match. These three teams were not in any way set back by the check on their progress and kept on winning matches. Meanwhile the Indians were running away from the others as they arranged all their league matches very early in the season. They had six wins for as many matches played, when they met Civil Service and were defeated, and it was at this stage that the latter came into the picture. They did so well for a time that it looked as though they would finish second to none but a draw with the Police seriously jeopardised their chances of becoming champions. By this time, H.K.C.C. and K.C.C. had dropped out of the running and it was a question of whether the C.S.C., Revoir or the Indians would win; when the first two teams played a tie, it was a ten to one chance on the I.R.C. who had only one more match on their future card. A week later, the Indians beat Craigavon Cricket Club in their last game and thus became champions for the season.

Future Prospects.

Although there has been quite a lot said in some quarters against having league matches, I think they help to keep alive the interest in the great game. People do not seem to take rivalries very seriously, with the result that sometimes such matches do not commence till 2.30, and when it is taken into consideration that light becomes very bad about 6.45, it will be seen that there isn't very much time for play. On the other hand, most league matches start at 2.15—sometimes earlier—so that there is just a little more time for play and in some cases, an extra five minutes makes all the difference.

There should be just as many entries for the second division next year, although I hear that the R.E. and Signals will revert to the old system and send in a combined team. That would be the wisest course to adopt, for with all respect to them, they are not nearly up to the standard of the other clubs when they play separately.

The Indians, I think, would sooner stay in the second division, rather than apply for promotion to Division I. They had two teams in the premier division some years ago but that arrangement proved such a failure that I feel sure they will not repeat it. There is one thing that I would like to mention, though, and that is I hope that the question of playing first eleven men in second division games will be thoroughly thrashed out at the next meeting of the League, and also the question of the method of scoring a tie. The position at present is very unsatisfactory, to say the least of it.

H.K.C.C. TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

TO-DAY'S MATCHES.

The following ties are down for decision this afternoon:—

Open Doubles.

H. D. Humjahn and S. A. Rumbold v. E. C. Fincher and E. F. Fincher.

P. Kong and W. T. Lee v. H. Lo and Lu Tak Cheuk.

Club Championships.

Semi-final.—R. H. Wild v. A. L. Sullivan.

Handicap Singles "A."

H. J. Armstrong (owe 15) v. N. H. Hailton (rec. 5/6).

J. H. Anderson (owe 3/6) v. A. C. I. Bowker (rec. 1/6).

Handicap Singles "B."

H. D. Wade (ser.) v. G. S. Rodger (owe 3/6).

D. S. Green (owe 15) v. A. H. Hampton (owe 3/6).

Handicap Doubles.

Penn and Collis (rec. 15) v. T. J. Price and E. R. Price (owe 2/6).

G. Miskin and C. Blaker (owe 1/6) v. A. B. Haworth and M. H. Turner (ser.).

KOWLOON GOLF.

RESULTS IN OPEN FOURSONMES.

Two first-round matches in the annual Open Foursonmes competition held by the Kowloon Golf Club were played off on Sunday, when Rome and Fox beat Pooler and King, 6 and 4, and Russell and Bralley, finishing 2 up.

JAPAN'S PROMISING BOXER.

Young Hirakawa, Japan's most promising fighter, who recently defeated Joe Sacramento by a knock-out and held the experienced Kikumagi to a draw, added another victim to his knock-out list by stopping Junkichi Yamada, the "Iron Man," in the fifth round of what was to be a 10-round affair at the Hibiya Civic Hall. A damaging left hook to the jaw ended the fight, as Yamada, groggy from the blow, crouched in his corner and, waving his hand, refused to get up, and close to be counted out rather than face another wallop from the iron fist, of his younger opponent.

ANOTHER BOXING SURPRISE.

POREDA WINS DECISION OVER RISCO.

New York, Mar. 30.—Stanley Poreda, of Newark, New Jersey, who is regarded by sports writers as a promising heavyweight, tonight caused a surprise when he won a decision in ten rounds of hard fighting from Johnny Risco, of Cleveland.

Risco for years has been known as the stumbling block of the heavyweight division and the fact that Poreda was able to win has caused a stir in boxing circles.

LOUGHRAN WINS ABOVE WEIGHT.

GRIFFITHS DEFEATED AFTER CLOSE BOUT.

Chicago, March 27.—Tommy Loughran, who retired a few years ago as the undefeated light-heavyweight champion of the world, and who is now seeking laurels among the heavyweights, tonight won a decision in ten rounds of close fighting over Tuffy Griffiths. The referee favoured a draw, but the two judges voted for Loughran, whose left jab and superior skill won the bout for him.

All through the fight, Griffiths rushed at Loughran and carried the fight to him, but he was unable to inflict any damage. The United Press score gave five rounds of the bout to Loughran, three to Griffiths, and two were declared even.

It is expected that, to-morrow, Jack Sharkey, the heavyweight champion of the United States, will arrive here to discuss terms for a fight with Loughran in June.

La Barba's Come Back.
New York, March 27.—Fidel La Barba, the former flyweight champion of the world, who, after a period of retirement, is back among the heavier battlers, tonight won a decision in ten rounds over Kid Francis, his wireless left jab proving too much for the Italian boxer. The United Press score gave seven rounds to La Barba and two to Kid Francis. One round was declared even. At the finish La Barba was fresh and the Italian was worn out and groggy.

TEST TEAMS KEPT WAITING.

UMPIRES WORK WITH CHISEL AND SAW.

CHAPMAN MAKES A STRONG PROTEST.

The strangest Test cricket match was played at Durban between England and South Africa—for there were no balls to fit the wickets.

Apparently, the wickets, in being made higher to conform with recent usage, had been made too wide. Chapman, the England captain, was the victim of an amazing incident before the start of the final Test match, which led to his making the dramatic gesture of leading his team out on to the field as a demonstration of protest.

Chapman had won the toss, and, on a drying pitch on which he hoped to get some early wickets, he was all ready to take the field at the appointed time. The umpires were called for and were finally discovered very much embarrassed because they could find no balls to fit the larger wicket.

Local manufacturers had been making the larger stumps one-third of an inch thicker in diameter, as well as an inch higher. Consequently, the wickets were nine-eighths of an inch across, instead of the regulation nine inches. All the local balls had been made to fit these stumps, and when a properly made set of stumps was requisitioned no balls could be found to fit them.

No Balls.

The pavilion was ransacked, but the only result obtained was the information that the head groundsman had only one set of balls to fit the proper stumps. These were broken in a club game a day or two ago.

South Africa refused to agree to play with the balls available, and it was generally agreed that it would have been unfair for them to do so.

But the most amazing part of this unprecedented impasse in a Test match of the first importance was that no better solution could be found than to ask the umpires to retire to the pavilion and make a set of balls to fit the stumps.

So King, who was officiating in the second Test of his career, and Collins, who was "standing" in his fourth consecutive Test, retired to the workshop. With chisel, saw and plane they carved out in feverish haste balls of the requisite dimensions.

Chapman and his men, itching to take the potentially great advantage that they had gained by winning the toss, sat chagrined while the wicket dried. Chapman then went to Mr. Cyril Webster, chairman of the South African Cricket Board of Control, and registered a very strong protest at the lack of the arrangements, which had dissipated all the value of his winning the toss.

Mr. Webster, after pointing out that there was no question of the honesty of the umpires being impugned, agreed with Chapman that he had every cause for complaint. He expressed his very sincere regret, and pointed out, in defence of the umpires, that they quite justifiably and quite naturally assumed that the regulation balls would be obtainable. It was not usual, he said, for umpires to assume otherwise.

Ludicrous Scene.

Chapman pointed out that had Cameron (the South African captain) won the toss, the affair would have entailed equally serious consequences.

At the end of the conversation Chapman called to his team, and, in the face of the crowd and the officials, he led them out to field as a protest. To complete the chaos, and much to the amusement of the crowd, the South African batsmen, Siegle and Mitchell, followed.

Thus was presented the ludicrous spectacle of a full Test team, with the opposing batsmen at the wickets, waiting while the necessary equipment was manufactured so that play could start.

EUROPEAN COUPLE IN MOTOR MISHAP.

AUSTIN CAR RUNS OVER AN EMBANKMENT.

A motor accident, which fortunately did not cause very serious injury to the occupants of an Austin, occurred on Sunday when Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Iggleaden were travelling in Jubilee Road, the old round-the-island road from West Point to Aberdeen.

It appears that Mrs. Iggleaden was being coached in driving by her husband. The car had proceeded to the end of Jubilee Road and was being turned round for the return journey when it ran over an embankment, "dropping" into "waste" ground ten feet below.

Both the occupants were thrown out of the car when it heeled over, and it was fortunate that they landed in a patch of scrubby ground. Mrs. Iggleaden suffered a fractured arm, while her husband, who is a member of the firm of Messrs. Leigh and Orange, escaped with minor bruises.

ST. ANDREW'S CLUB.

HOCKEY TEAMS VISIT MACAO.

CLEVER PLAY BY THE LOCAL LADIES.

Hockey teams (ladies and men) from St. Andrew's Club, made the trip to Macao yesterday where they played teams from the Portuguese Colony. The men lost by two goals to three but the St. Andrew's ladies did extremely well, holding a team composed of ladies and men down to a one-goal all draw.

The men's game took place first and it was a very fast and even one, the home team being a shade lucky in winning. Then the other game followed, and while the Macao ladies were not very clever with the stick, this handicap was more than made up by the presence of the men in the team who formed a very stubborn defence. Miss Margaret Woolley scored the goal for the local team and she was applauded time and again for some very clever work at centre forward, while Miss Nellie Field, playing at inside right, was conspicuous for some very clever play. She made a solo run down the field on one occasion and left the back standing, but when a few yards from the goal had the misfortune to see her shot go wide. Miss Phyllis Gillies, on the right wing, was also responsible for some good play.

During the afternoon, the men also played a tennis match with the Macao team but they also lost in this. The scores, however, were not available.

GERMANY IN TRAINING.

CULT OF PHYSICAL FITNESS.

GIRL RUNNERS IN SHORTS.

Berlin.—Walking sedately between the pine trees of the Grunewald is a comfortable, portly gentleman, with the traditional dachshund trotting behind, a cigar in his mouth, a stick in his hand; by his side is a large, comfortable companion proclaiming in all her person the good and sober Hausfrau.

One can see such pairs by the dozen on a fine Sunday in the country of woods and lakes that lies only ten minutes by train outside Berlin. These are people whose youth was spent in a pre-war Germany; the war swept over them, but they have not changed.

Then, suddenly, there comes a clattering of feet on the frozen ground, and one catches a feeling of a very different type of German. There are girls clothed in blue flannel trousers or in Zephyr and shorts, flushed, panting but resolute, resolutely "training," determinedly keeping fit on the one day allowed them from the drudgery of the office or the shop.

Young men, and women run by in squads or alone between the ice-hung pines, along by the frozen lakes. This is the new Germany—the Germany that concentrates first and foremost on keeping fit.

One sees the same impulse everywhere working in its different modes of expression—the impulse towards physical perfection. After working hours, every evening the huge "Wellenbad" (Berlin's swimming-bath with artificial waves) is filled with young Germans, not only diving, swimming, bathing with the artificial breakers, but on the spacious terraces raised above the water, practising gymnastics, boxing, jujutsu. One is reminded of the Spartan palaestra.

On the Cinder Track.

Or, walking in a Berlin park one will invariably come on one of the great, round enclosures, the stadiums, where numbers of men and girls are running round the cinder track, practising pole-jumping, putting the weight, hurdlings. Practically every clerk and typist belongs to some physical training club and attends it at least once a week.

Winter and summer, indoors and out, the thing goes on—something outside the experience of the elderly gentleman strolling with his dog and wife in the Grunewald. Thoroughly, seriously, with his whole concentration, the young German is devoting himself to the cult of the body. This is something connected with and yet apart from the growing popularity of all kinds of games—it is a physical manifestation, perhaps, of the spirit of post-war Germany. Science and method have been directed towards a new ideal—physical fitness, hardiness, health.

MR. DUFF COOPER ON PRESS LORDS.

BITTER WORDS AT BYE-ELECTION.

STRIKING DEFENCE OF MR. BALDWIN.

The issue in the Westminster by-election was placed before the electors by Mr. Duff Cooper at the Guildhouse, Ecclestone Square, when he asked whether the old Conservative Party was to be allowed to conduct its affairs and choose its own leaders, or whether it was to be dictated to by two enormously rich men who had got control of a powerful Press and felt that they could dictate their will to the people of England.

"I wonder," he said, "how sincere Lord Beaverbrook's devotion to agriculture is? He poses as the farmer's friend. He told us that the Empire Crusaders were looking out like tigers waiting for a by-election and ready to spring upon it. Nothing is more pathetic; there is no more lamentable creature than a blind tiger. By-elections have been taking place under the noses of the Empire Crusaders, and they have not jumped at all."

"Farham and Salisbury, agitating the cultural centres, have no Empire Crusade, and know nothing of Lord Beaverbrook and Rothermere, contesting the divisions. We are forced to the conclusion that the only farmers that Lord Beaverbrook and Lord Rothermere really care about are the farmers who are tilling the soil in South Pad-dington and East Ilington."

As to India, where we had to face a great problem, we had as Viceroy a great Christian gentleman, whom all Anglo-Indians supported, and he should have the loyal support of people at home. Instead of that they saw two newspapers day by day attacking him and accusing him of weakness.

"They publish extremely clever, well-drawn, and always disloyal pictures, representing him in some ridiculous position. Those pictures were reproduced in the Indian Press, and Indians say, 'Look what the English people think of their own Viceroy!' These are the men—Lords Rothermere and Beaverbrook

—who are cutting away the ground from under the feet of our Viceroy, who are engaged in practices which, in my opinion, should be designated as treasonable."

"Utter Ignorance."

"Those are the men who in utter ignorance of the East are urging us to take a strong line in India. How can we take a strong line, or any line at all, when the most powerful Press in the country is stabbing our Viceroy in the back every time they are publishing."

"And they accuse our leader, Mr. Baldwin, of being weak, because he has done his utmost to maintain what is the essential in so far as our relations with India are concerned, because he has done his utmost to maintain a united front."

"How can we face the many people of India unless we English people stand together? If they think that one party or any one section of a party can carry on the Government of India with all the other parties in opposition to it, then they are making one more exhibition of their abysmal ignorance of world politics."

"To-day there is a new development out of which they are endeavouring to make capital for their papers—producing headlines and increasing circulation—the only things for which they care. There has been a suggestion that the Round Table Conference should be continued in India and that again the three parties should be represented as they were when the Round Table Conference took place in London."

"Mr. Baldwin has said—and I think he was right—that the Conservative Party could not agree to sending out its representatives to the other side of the world burdened with the tremendous responsibility of speaking for the whole of the great Conservative Party. The representatives of the Government there would have a comparatively easy task, for they would be in touch with their chiefs and leaders. They would be the nominees of the Government in touch with the Government and in sympathy with the Government, but the Conservative members serving on a Round Table Conference in Asia would be in an infirm and almost impossible position."

"They could not speak for their Party, as they would be out of touch with their leaders and the potential Cabinet of the Conservative Party. Therefore Mr. Baldwin, rightly and firmly—for he is always firm when there is real need for firmness—said: 'We will not agree to that.' And what is the reaction of the Beaverbrook-Rothermere Press? 'Surrender of Mr. Baldwin to Mr. Churchill!' If he tries to maintain a united front and support the Government, he is surrendering to 'Gandhi.' If he differs from the Government and maintains the Conservative point of view, he is surrendering to Churchill!"

Polley of Scuttle.

"Does it not show to any fair-minded man or woman that neither Lord Beaverbrook nor Lord Rothermere care for India or the Empire or anything else? They are out to smash Mr. Baldwin, and prepared to say that anything he does is wrong."

Referring to criticisms of himself in regard to Zaghlul Pasha and Egyptian policy, he said: "Lord Rothermere, this man who denounces me as a 'softy,' and has always been in favour of a policy of scuttle, has never shown any courage in his life and he has not got the guts of a louse."

"Their attitude and mentality have been emphasised once more by the very mean attack they have started against Mr. Baldwin, Lord Rothermere says that Mr. Baldwin was a rich man and is rich no longer. No greater condemnation Lord Rothermere can find than that a man has lost his money. He has forgotten that Mr. Baldwin gave away one-fifth of his fortune to his country, hoping to set an example which would be followed in the days when he was rich by other men. He gave £140,000 as a free anonymous gift to the country on the day after the war, hoping that other people would follow his example."

"Not a penny came from Lord Rothermere; not a farthing from Lord Beaverbrook. Now they are sneering at him for his poverty; 'This man, who had money loses if we don't want that sort of man, we want men who will keep their money, pile it up, and then invest it in America.'"

"The Conservative Party shall never become the slave of the Press. If it did it would be ruined, dead, damned, and done with, and there would be no hope for the country we all love."

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WOMEN CONDEMN LONG SKIRTS.

MENTALITY AFFECTED BY HAMPERING CLOTHES.

SUPERIORITY COMPLEX OVER MEN.

A resolution condemning long skirts was passed by a large majority at a meeting in London of the National Union of Societies for Equal Citizenship.

The resolution, which was moved by Mrs. M. Stocks, of Manchester, deplored the return of long skirts as a reaction against the personal comforts and physical liberty of women, reminiscent of the years of their political disfranchisement. It called upon all women who valued such liberty to resist this reaction by refusing to follow the arbitrary decrees of fashion.

Mrs. Stocks maintained that a person's actions and mentality were affected by the clothes she wore and the coincidence between the freeing of women from hampering dress and the freeing of women in politics was really no coincidence at all.

"When our clothes get long again and our legs are tied up, our minds will suffer," she declared.

"When I read of women, whose skirts are like creamy foam round their ankles, I always think they must have creamy foam in their heads too."

"Taking the Lead."

Mrs. Stocks recalled the "dreadful stays" which her mother bought for her when she went to school, but she refused to wear them.

"Where," she continued, "do you think your figure will be when you are 40, asked my mother. Well, I am 40, and I do not know where it is. I only know it is not where my mother thought it would be."

"To-day," said Mrs. Stocks, "when I go about I have a superiority complex when I compare my clothes with my mother's. In hot weather I can take off nearly all my clothes, while men cannot even remove their coats without being turned out of restaurants."

"We should do our best to keep that superiority complex. What amuses me is to see adult politically enfranchised women wearing clothes, they do not like just because other women are wearing them. I for one am not going to wear long skirts, if everybody else in the world does."

The kind of person who should take the lead on this question is the Duchess of York or Lady Diana Cooper. There is at least one lady in this country who chooses her own fashions, and sticks to them, and that is the Queen." (Cheers.)

Miss Eleanor Rathbone, M.P., said: "What we dislike is the humbug of having to treat as important things what men have said are important in setting our fashions. A woman's life is very largely conditioned by her clothing, and this question is worthy of being regarded quite as seriously as any other on our agenda."

O.T.C. System.

The O.T.C. system in public schools was also discussed.

Mrs. Barnard, of Bethnal Green, said that she had two sons, one who had been in the O.T.C. and one in the Boy Scouts. She had found that there was no comparison between the excellent training given in the Boy Scouts and that given in the O.T.C.

A resolution was passed urging that all forms of compulsion on boys to join the O.T.C., or special privileges to those who joined, should be discontinued.

SECOND NURSE CAVELL.

GALLANT ENGLISH WOMAN WHO HELPED PRISONERS.

Brussels, March 12.—Miss Annie Scott-James, an English woman teacher who served the British Intelligence Service in Belgium during the war, died in Brussels on Saturday at the age of 57. It was not until to-day, however, that the news of her death became known.

Miss Scott-James came to Belgium several years before the war as a teacher of English. When hostilities broke out she put herself at the disposal of the Allied Armies. She sheltered many British soldiers after the retirement from Charleroi, and helped them to cross the Dutch frontier.

In addition she used to carry written messages to the frontier, and was clever at hiding them from the German police. During the war her lodgings were searched several times by the Germans, who hoped to find evidence which would lead to her conviction and execution as was the case with Nurse Cavell. Once she was imprisoned, but was released for lack of proof.

For the services she had rendered to the cause of the Allied Armies Miss Scott-James was awarded two decorations. After the war she resumed her teaching.

Personally Led to Safety.

Mr. R. A. Scott-James, Miss Scott-James's brother, who lives in London, and who himself served in the war, stated that his sister was mentioned in despatches by Sir Douglas Haig for "gallant and distinguished services in the field." British soldiers escaping from the prison camps near Brussels would be met by his sister, given peasant's dress, and hidden until the time was propitious. Then, led by his sister and a Belgian woman, they would make for the Forest of Soignes, some 80 miles distant, and thence arrive at the electrified wire which ran across the Dutch frontier.

Here his sister would give the men rubber bands, and when the coast was clear would signal them to creep through the wire to neutral ground and safety. Frequently it was necessary for his sister to hide the men in her flat. Only one man was lost; he was electrocuted; none was shot.

Moments of Suspense.

"These trips were not without their moments of suspense," Mr. Scott-James added. "Sometimes the men, out of habit, would march in step through the villages, and risk drawing the attention of the German police."

"I had no idea, until the war was over, that she had been engaged in that sort of work, but when I met her there she told me all about it. Her work was regarded as that of a soldier in the field."

Mr. Scott-James has in his possession the letter sent by Mr. Winston Churchill, when Secretary for War, conveying the King's appreciation of her work. It was left to him by her when she died, and reads as follows:

"The War of 1914-1918, Miss Anne A. Scott-James was mentioned in a despatch from Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig issued November 8, 1918, for gallant and distinguished services in the field."

"I have it in command from the King to record his Majesty's high appreciation of the services rendered."

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Selandia, Manners, April 17.
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BALTIMORE

Taybank, Bank, April 7.
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BANGKOK

Kwangchow, B. & S., April 12.

BARCELONA

Burgeland, Johnson, April 25.
Franken, Melchers, April 25.
Glenluce, Jardine's, April 25.

BELOWAN-DELL

Gremer, J.C.J.L., April 9.

BOMBAY

Mirzapore, P. & O., April 9.
Tango Maru, N.Y.K., April 11.
Hilda, Dodwell's, April 12.
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BOSTON

Taybank, Bank, April 7.
Japanese Prince, Furness, April 9.
Lisbon Maru, N.Y.K., April 13.
Tai Ping Yang, Dodwell's, April 18.

Pres. Adams, Dollar, April 19.
Chinese Prince, Furness, April 21.
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BREMEN

Karmala, P. & O., April 11.
Franken, Melchers, April 25.
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Hilda, Dodwell's, April 12.
Pilsna, Dodwell's, April 19.
Col. di Lana, Dodwell's, May 10.

CALCUTTA

Kutsang, Jardine's, April 8.
Malacca Maru, N.Y.K., April 8.
Muraon Maru, N.Y.K., April 18.
Tahna, B.I., April 17.

Yuenang, Jardine's, April 20.
Takada, B.I., May 3.
Kumsang, Jardine's, May 8.

CASABLANCA

Persens, B.F., April 25.
Kalyan, P. & O., May 9.

CHEFOO

Hanyang, B. & S., April 8.
Kueichow, B. & S., April 21.

COLOMBO

Carnarvonshire Jardine's, April 8.
Mirzapore, P. & O., April 9.
Karmala, P. & O., April 11.
Tango Maru, N.Y.K., April 11.

Hilda, Dodwell's, April 12.
Angers, M.M., April 14.
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Pilsna, Dodwell's, April 19.
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Anchises, B.F., April 21.
Glenluce, Jardine's, April 25.

Rajputana, P. & O., April 25.
Tottori Maru, N.Y.K., April 27.
Polix Roussel, M.M., April 29.
Pres. Harrison, Dollar, May 3.

Kiddorpo, P. & O., May 5.
Col. di Lana, Dodwell's, May 10.
Aeneas, B.F., May 12.
General Metzinger, M.M., May 12.

COPENHAGEN

Selandia, Manners, April 17.
Danmark, Manners, May 5.

DANMARK

Aeneas, B.F., April 7.
Lisbon, B. & S., April 13.
Sarpedon, B.F., May 1.

DUTCH PORTS

Carnarvonshire Jardine's, April 8.
Formosa, Gilman's, April 10.
Karmala, P. & O., April 11.
Oldenburg, Johnson, April 11.

Hector, B.F., April 15.
City of Khios, Bank, April 10.
Hakozaki Maru, N.Y.K., April 18.
Anchises, B.F., April 21.

Glenluce, Jardine's, April 25.
Franken, Melchers, April 25.
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Persens, B.F., April 25.

Fulda, Melchers, May 2.
Soudan, P. & O., May 2.
Danmark, Manners, May 5.
Kalyan, P. & O., May 9.

Vogtland, Johnson, May 9.
Aeneas, B.F., May 12.
Nanking, Gilman's, May 12.

FOOCHOW

Hainiching, Douglas, April 7.
Hainiching, Douglas, April 10.
Chongshing, Jardine's, April 12.
Hainiching, Douglas, April 14.

GENOA

Formosa, Gilman's, April 10.
Oldenburg, Johnson, April 11.
Hilda, Dodwell's, April 12.
Pilsna, Dodwell's, April 19.
Pres. Adams, Dollar, April 19.
Teiresias, B.F., April 20.
Burgeland, Johnson, April 25.
Franken, Melchers, April 25.
Glenluce, Jardine's, April 25.
Persens, B.F., April 25.

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Vogtland, Johnson, May 9.
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Nanking, Gilman's, May 12.

GLASGOW

Hector, B.F., April 15.
Teiresias, B.F., April 20.
Aeneas, B.F., May 12.

GOTHENBURG

Formosa, Gilman's, April 10.
Nanking, Gilman's, May 12.

HAIPHONG AND HOIHOW

Kwaiyang, B. & S., April 8.
Kwangchow, B. & S., April 10.
Kwangchow, B. & S., April 24.

HAMBURG

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HAVRE

City of Khios, Bank, April 10.
Teiresias, B.F., April 20.
Soudan, P. & O., May 2.

HONGKAY

Kwaiyang, B. & S., April 8.

HONOLULU

Shinyo Maru, N.Y.K., April 14.
Bokuyo Maru, N.Y.K., April 22.
Chichibu Maru, N.Y.K., April 25.

JAPAN PORTS

Pilsna, Dodwell's, April 7.
Phemius, B.F., April 8.
Emp. of Asia, C.P.S., April 10.

Kalyan, P. & O., April 10.
Takada, B.I., April 11.
Alister, Melchers, April 12.

Agamemnon, B.F., April 13.
General Metzinger, M.M., April 13.
Ionic Star, B.F., April 14.

Shinyo Maru, N.Y.K., April 14.
Kitano Maru, N.Y.K., April 15.
Vogtland, Johnson, April 16.

Burdwan, P. & O., April 17.
Haruna Maru, N.Y.K., April 17.
Kumsang, Jardine's, April 17.

Trave, Melchers, April 17.
Mannion, B.F., April 18.
Tai Ping Yang, Dodwell's, April 18.

Elpenor, B.F., April 19.
Hecian Maru, N.Y.K., April 21.
Bokuyo Maru, N.Y.K., April 22.

Comorin, P. & O., April 24.
Glenluce, Jardine's, April 25.
Sirdhana, B.I., April 24.

Emp. of Canada, C.P.S., April 25.
Suisang, Jardine's, April 25.
Duisburg, Johnson, April 26.

Achilles, B.F., April 27.
Sphinx, M.M., April 27.
Chichibu Maru, N.Y.K., April 29.

Sumatra, Gilman's, May 2.
Tyndarus, B.F., May 2.
Cracovia, Dodwell's, May 5.

Hosang, Jardine's, May 6.
Emp. of Russia, C.P.S., May 8.
Glenluce, Jardine's, May 8.

Kashmir, P. & O., May 8.
Tanda, E. & A., May 8.
Tilawa, B.I., May 8.

Haveland, Johnson, May 9.
Porthos, M.M., May 11.

JAVA PORTS

Tijunagora, J.C.J.L., April 7.
Tijunagora, J.C.J.L., April 14.
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Tijunagora, J.C.J.L., April 28.
Tijunagora, J.C.J.L., May 5.

LIVERPOOL

Lima Maru, N.Y.K., April 13.
Teiresias, B.F., April 20.

LONDON

Carnarvonshire Jardine's, April 8.
Karmala, P. & O., April 11.
Hilda, Dodwell's, April 12.

Hector, B.F., April 15.
City of Khios, Bank, April 10.
Hakozaki Maru, N.Y.K., April 18.

MANILA

Pres. McKinley, A.M.L., April 7.
Pres. Jefferson, A.M.L., April 11.
Tijunagora, J.C.J.L., April 14.
Emp. of Canada, C.P.S., April 18.

Pres. Adams, Dollar, April 19.
Change, B. & S., April 21.
Pres. Grant, A.M.L., April 21.

Kamo Maru, N.Y.K., April 23.
Pres. Lincoln, Dollar, April 23.
Tijunagora, J.C.J.L., April 28.

Nelloro, E. & A., May 1.
Fulda, Melchers, May 2.
Pres. Harrison, Dollar, May 3.

Karmala, P. & O., April 11.
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Angers, M.M., April 14.

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Polix Roussel, M.M., April 29.
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Soudan, P. & O., May 2.

Vogtland, Johnson, May 9.
Pres. Harrison, Dollar, May 9.
Aeneas, B.F., May 12.

General Metzinger, M.M., May 12.

NAPLES.
Japanese Prince, Furness, April 9.

Pres. Adams, Dollar, April 19.
Chinese Prince, Furness, April 21.
Pres. Harrison, Dollar, May 3.

Tweedbank, Bank, May 4.
Pres. Cleveland, Dollar, May 12.

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SHANGHAI—(Continued).

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Soudan, P. & O., May 2.

Vogtland, Johnson, May 9.
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Aeneas, B.F., May 12.

General Metzinger, M.M., May 12.

SINGAPORE.
Carnarvonshire Jardine's, April 8.

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Wladivostok	12	80.02	762.5
Nemuro	11	29.87	753.5
Hakodate	...	29.70	754.5
Tokio	...	29.69	754.0
Kobe	...	29.66	754.0
Nagasaki	...	29.66	754.0
Kagoshima	...	29.66	754.0
Oshima	...	29.66	754.0
Naha	...	29.66	754.0
Ishigakijima	...	29.66	754.0
Bonin Island	...	29.66	754.0
Chefoo	15	30.29	768.1
Shanghai	14	80.31	769.0
Outfall	...	80.44	773.2
Wenchow	...	80.17	768.3
Foochow	...	80.10	764.5
Amoy	...	29.97	761.2
Swatow	...	30.20	767.2
Taihu	...	30.06	768.6
Taiwan	...	30.01	762.1
Koshun	...	30.01	762.3
Pescadore	...	30.06	763.6
Hong Kong	14	29.97	761.2
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Tourane	...	29.85	758.3
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Cebu	...	29.51	757.3
Surigao	...	29.51	757.3
Saipan	11.00	29.51	757.3
Guam	12.22	29.51	757.3
Yap	11.00	29.51	757.3
Pelau	...	29.51	757.3
Labuan	14	29.51	757.3

April 6th 10A. 50m.—The depression has deepened and moved to N.E. Japan. The anticyclone has weakened and is central to the S.W. of Shanghai. Hong Kong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.08 inch. Total since January 1, 4.14 inches, against an average of 5.92 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON ON APRIL 7.

- 1.—Formosa Channel
- 2.—South coast of China between Hong Kong and Lamook
- 3.—Hong Kong to Gap Rock
- 4.—South coast of China between Hong Kong and Hainan

N.E. winds, fresh; some drizzle or mist.

T. F. CLAXTON, Director.

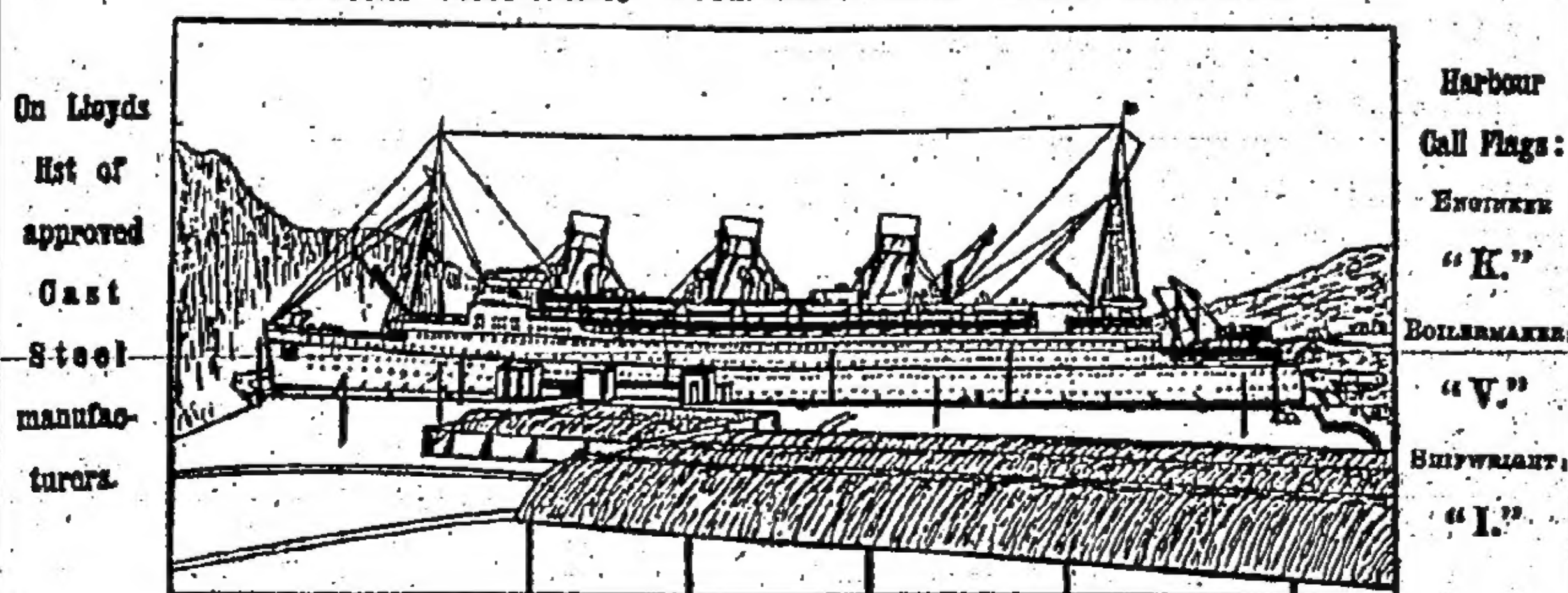
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SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	"KUTSANG" "YUENSANG" "KUMSANG"	Wed. 8th Apr. at 3 p.m. Mon. 20th Apr. at 3 p.m. Fri. 8th May, at 3 p.m.
OSAKA via AMOI, SHAI, MOJI & KOBE	"KUMSANG" "SUISANG" "HOSANG"	Fri. 17th Apr. at 7 a.m. Sat. 25th Apr. at 7 a.m. Wed. 6th May, at 7 a.m.
SANDAKAN	"MAUSANG" "HINSANG"	Wed. 8th Apr. at 2 p.m. Wed. 15th Apr. at Noon
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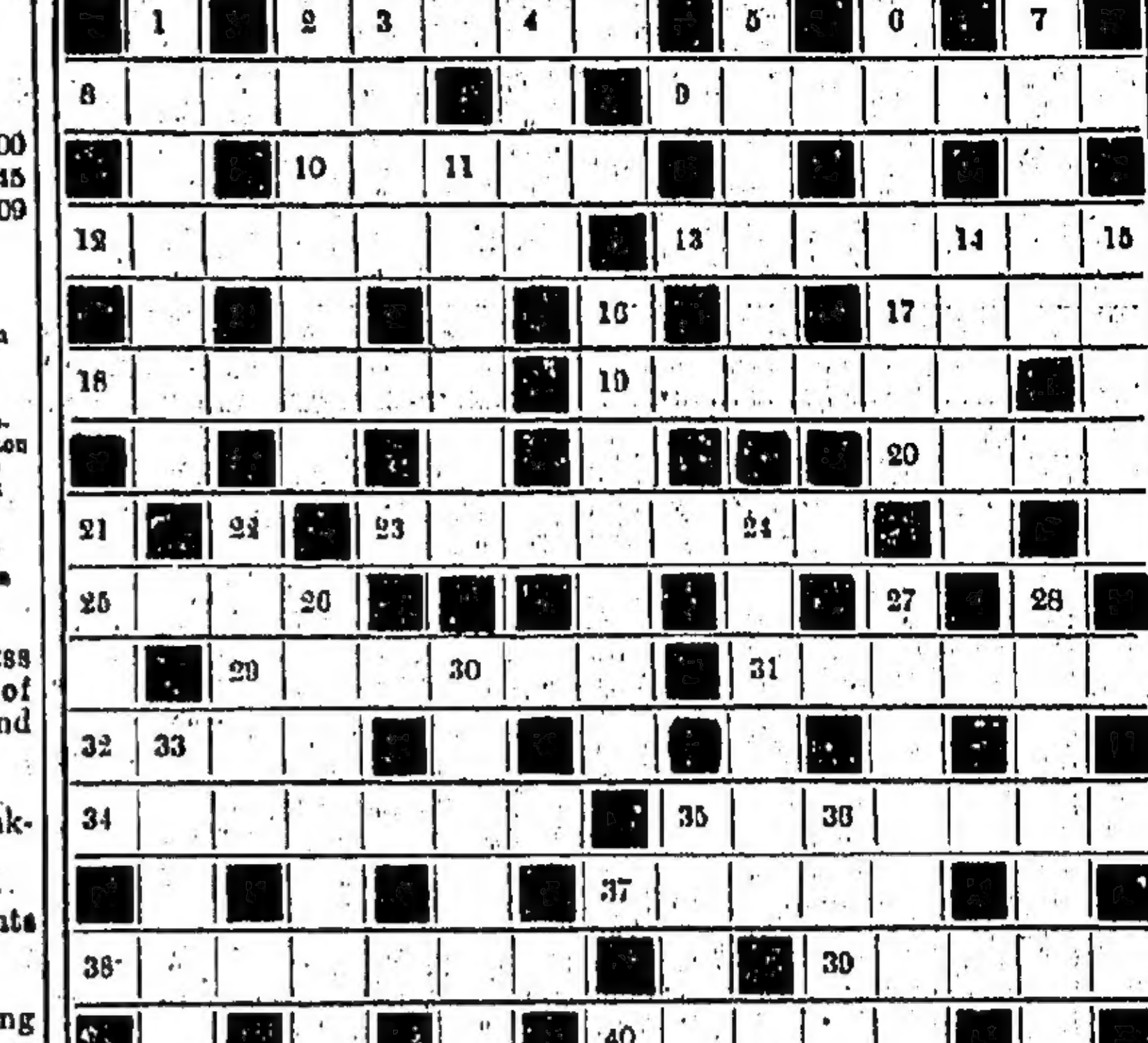
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- Across.
- Many a this went to France.
 - A woman power of the East.
 - The animal is seen in the treasure.
 - A snail unpleasant to the nose.
 - Sharp—not mentally.
 - A thing that does this is plentiful.
 - Nonsense obtained from a garment.
 - As quiet as a lake of New York.
 - Such festivities are usually undesirable.
 - A woman novelist would fit in this glade.
 - There is power in such as this.
 - You can shut up like this.
 - This is underfoot or under wheel very often.
 - Dramatist friend of Ben Jonson.
 - One hundred will make these creatures wearable.
 - Share in.
 - Look over or go into.
 - Negotiate or something worth attending.
 - A tradesman who supplies the Indies.
 - Loose soil may merit this description.
 - Scarcely to death—almost.
- Down.
- Famous figure of Irish history.
 - Passed away and ended.
 - Thread-holder.
 - A complexion for you.
 - This in a speaker is worse than 17 across.
 - Scorned.
 - Members of one of three estates.
 - This is cheaply showy.
 - Pried and quizzed.
 - The home of 23 across.
 - This brings up, says Kipling, the 515.
 - A conflict! Well, a little.
 - Kent said his name was writ in this.
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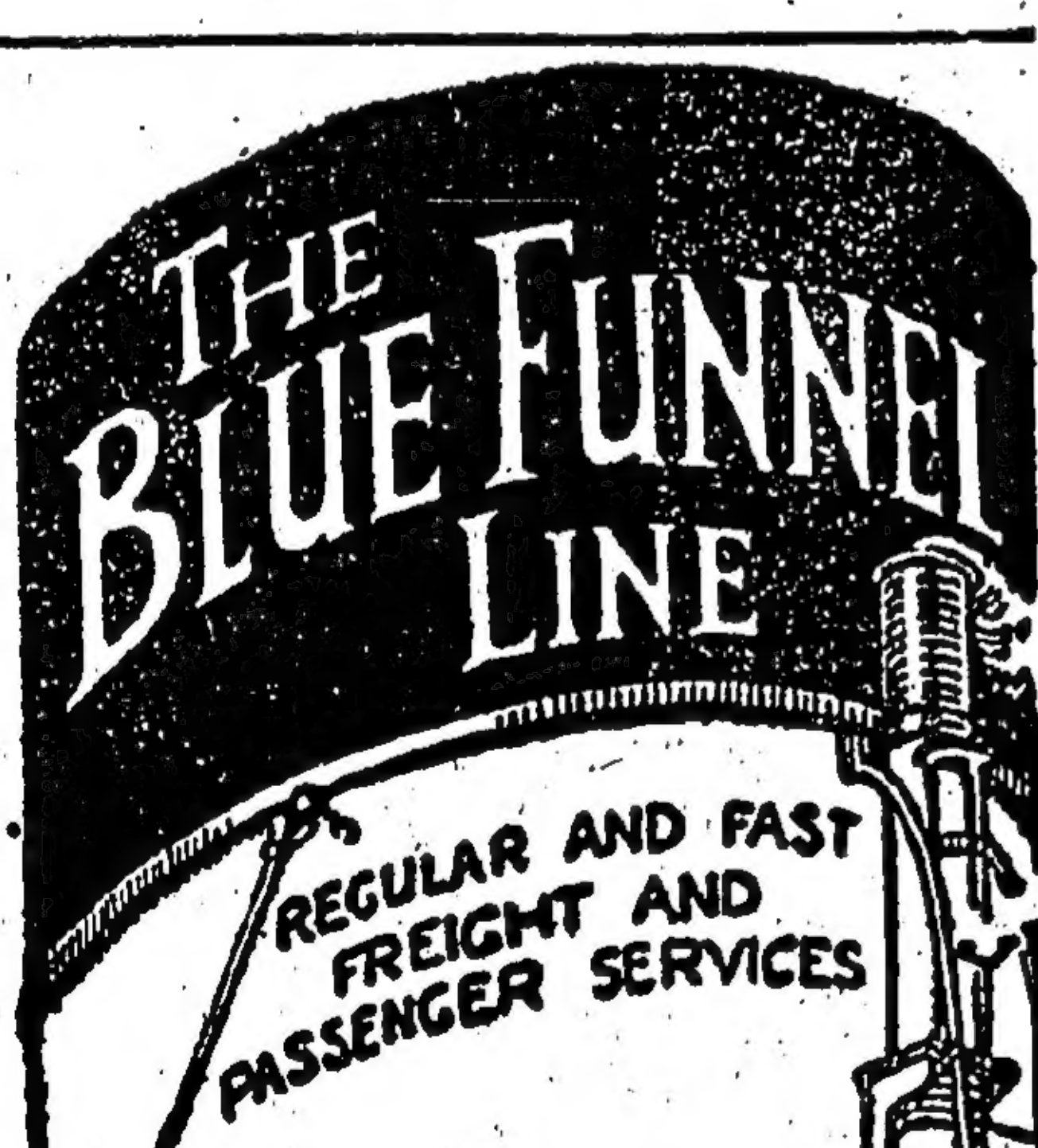
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